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AUSTRIAN REPLY TO ANCONA NOTE SAYS SUBMARINE COMMANDER HAS BEEN PUNISHED FOR HASTY ACTION

Did Not Suffiiciently Take into Account Panic on Board, and Consequences.

NOTE FRIENDLY IN TONE

Agrees With Washington That Laws of Humanity Should be Respected in War.

Anxious to Render Relations Still More Cordial.

London, Dec. 31. — The Austrian reply to the second American note on the Ancona states that the commander of the Austrian submarine has been punished for not sufficiently taking account of the panic on board the Ancona, which rendered disembarkation more difficult.

The Austrian note, while announcing the willingness of the Austro-Hungarian government to pay an indemnity for the American victims of the Ancona, declares that the government "cannot admit responsibility for damage caused by the justifiable firing on the fleeing vessel, or by the capsizing of the boats before the torpedo was fired."

Received in London.

The reply of the Austrian government to the second American note on the sinking of the steamship Ancona, with the loss of American lives, is forwarded to Reuter's Telegram Company from Vienna by way of Amsterdam. The note says:

"In reply to the second American Ancona note, the Austro-Hungarian government fully agrees with the Washington cabinet that the sacred lawn of humanity should be taken into account also in war, and emphasizes that it, in the course of this war, has given numerous proofs of the most humane feelings.

"The Austro-Hungarian government, too, can positively concur in the principle that enemy private vessels, so far as they don't fly or offer resistance, shall not be destroyed before the persons on board are secured.

"The assurance that the United States government attaches value to the maintenance of the existing good relations between Austria-Hungary and the United States is warmly reciprocated by the Austro-Hungarian government, which now, as heretofore, is anxious to render these relations still more cordial."

The Austro-Hungarian government then communicates the results of the inquiry into the sinking of the Ancona, which was recently concluded.

The inquiry showed that the commander of the submarine from a great distance in the first instance fired a warning shot on the steamer, sighted at 11:40 in the forenoon, which he at first believed to be a transport steamer, at the same time giving a signal for the vessel to stop. As the steamer failed to stop and tried to escape, the submarine gave chase and fired 16 shells, of which three were observed to hit. The steamer only stopped after the third hit, whereupon the commander ceased firing.

Already, during the flight, it is declared, when at full speed, the steamer dropped several boats filled with people, which at once capsized. After the steamer stopped, the commander of the submarine observed that six boats were fully manned and they speedily rowed away from the steamer.

Approaching nearer, the commander of the submarine saw that a great panic prevailed aboard the steamer, and that he had before him the passenger vessel Ancona, on account of which he gave those aboard more time than was necessary to leave the vessel in life boats. At least ten life boats were still aboard, which would have more than sufficed to rescue the persons still on the vessel, but as no other preparations were made to hoist out the boats, the commander decided, after the expiration of forty-five minutes, to torpedo the vessel in such a manner that it ought to remain afloat for a still longer time, in order to leave sufficient opportunity for the people still aboard to be rescued.

The Actual Sinking.

Shortly afterwards a steamer became visible, which steamed toward th submarine. As the commander of the submarine who believed the steamer to be an enemy cruiser, had to reckon with an attack, he submerged at 12:35, firing a torpedo into the foremost cargo hold of the Ancona. No boats aboard the vessels were lowered although persons were still visible aboard.

The steamer sank so slowly that the submarine at first doubted whether the

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PRINCIPAL DEMAND OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS MET IF REPORT IS CORRECT

Danger of Break in Diplomatic Relations Probably Has Been Cleared Away—Press Translation of Note From Austria Reached Washington Too Late to be Seen by Officials Last Night.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Danger of a break in diplomatic relations between the United States and Austria over the sinking of the liner Ancona probably has been cleared away, if the official text of Austria's reply to the second American note conforms to press dispatches from London saying the communication announces that the submarine commander who torpedoed the steamer, has been punished.

The cabled press translation of the note reached Washington tonight too late to be seen by high officials of the Government and a dispatch received earlier in the day from Ambassador Penfield merely said the reply had been handed him and gave no intimation as to its nature.

Punishment of the submarine commander for failure to take into account the panic aboard the Ancona before torpedoing the vessel, apparently meets the principal American demand. In effect it might be regarded as a disavowal of the act, and assurances that any incident for which an officer of the navy was punished would not happen again might be taken for granted.

The remaining demand, that reparation by payment of indemnity be made for the injury or loss of life by Americans would be an object of diplomatic adjustment once the other points at issue are disposed of.

Officials here indicated today that there were indications favorable to an amicable settlement of the controversy, there had been nothing in press dispatches from abroad or published official advices to suggest that Austria would admit immediate wrong doing on the part of her officer.

The official text of the new note from Vienna is expected at the State Department by tomorrow night. Mr. Penfield reported that it would be cabled as soon as it could be translated and coded.

NOTE EXPECTED TODAY.

American Officials Believe Discussion May be Prolonged.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Austria's reply to the last American note on the destruction of the liner Ancona now is being transmitted to the United States and probably will be before President Wilson and Secretary Lansing within the next 24 hours. Ambassador Penfield cabled today that the note from the Austrian foreign office had been delivered to him, that it was about 3,000 words long, and that it was being translated into the diplomatic code for the cables.

At the same time, in a separate dispatch, Ambassador Penfield reported that Americans in Vienna, not having certificates of birth or naturalization, were unable to leave, because German consular officers were refusing to vize their passports for travel through Germany, en route for Holland to embark for home. Whether this dispatch reflected a state of tension in Vienna over the negotiations was not made clear.

Conference With Lansing.

About the time Ambassador Penfield's dispatches were received Baron Zwiedinek, 'charge of the Austrian embassy here, after a conference with Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, went to the State Department and conferred at some length with Secretary Lansing. Neither would discuss the situation.

Although Ambassador Penfield is said to have given the State Department no light on the tenor of the Austrian reply, there were intimations today from high official quarters that the situation between the two countries probably is in a better way for the preservation of diplomatic relations than it was after the first exchange of notes.

While there is no disposition in official quarters to minimize the crucial stage of the negotiations or to deny that a crisis prevails, still officials in closest touch with the details indicated today that there was opportunity for averting a break and for a settlement which would be acceptable to both Austria and the United States.

May Offer Arbitration.

The fact that the Austrian minister's reply is 3,000 words long is taken to indicate in official quarters that it either contains an argument over the facts with the possibility of an offer of arbitral settlement of disputed points or that it offers evidence which Austria presents as newly discovered and as supplementing or modifying the official statement by the Austrian admiralty upon which Secretary Lansing based his charge of violation of the laws of nations and humanity and demanded a disavowal of the act, punishment of the officer responsible and reparation for the American victims, of whom there were more than 12.

It would not be out of keeping with the practice of nations if the United States were to re-open the case on a statement of new facts, and evidence by Austria, in any event, observers of the workings of diplomacy here see

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SCHMIDT CONVICTED OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER

Jury Fixes Punishment at Life Imprisonment.

Was Charged With Murder of Charles Hagarty in Blowing up Los Angeles Times Building—Will Ask for New Trial.

Los Angeles, Dec. 30.—Matthew A. Schmidt was convicted tonight of first degree murder as the accomplice of James B. McNamara, in the blowing up of tht Los Angeles Times building here five years ago.

The specific charge was of having murdered Charles Hagerty, one of the 20 victims of The Times explosion. The jury was out 46 minutes. The jury fixed Schmidt's punishment at Imprisonment for life, the same penalty imposed on James B. McNamara after the latter had confessed in court four years ago that he placed the bomb which blew up the newspaper plant.

David Caplan, another alleged accomplice of McNamara, who was arrested last February near Seattle, shortly after Schmidt had been taken into custody in New York, is in jail awaiting trial also on the charge of having murdered Charles Hagerty.

The court's charge to the jury had been regarded as distinctly favorable to the defendant and the verdict came as a surprise to Schmidt and his counsel.

There was no question in the minds of the jury, the members of the panel stated, that Schmidt not only had purchased the nitro-glycerine from which James B. Namara made the 20-pound bomb which blew up The Times building, but that he had counselled, aided and abetted McNamara in carrying out the plan that resulted in the killing of a score of men.

After the verdict Olaf A. Tveitmoe, secretary-treasurer of the California building trade council and named frequently in the testimony, declared that the result meant ten years' industrial war in Los Angeles.

PROPOSE TO PRESERVE PEACE IN PAN-AMERICA

Latin-Americans Invited to Join in Convention.

To Compel Arbitration of Disputes and Prohibit Munitions Shipments to Revolutionaries—Root Makes Declaration.

Washington, Dec. 30.—In a new step for the preservation of peace on the American continent and the development of Pan-American unity, the United States has formally invited the Latin-American republics to join in a convention to compel arbitration of boundary disputes and prohibit shipment of war munitions to revolutionaries.

Secretary Lansing's proposal, delivered with the approval of President Wilson to the resident Pan-American diplomats here for submission to their home foreign offices, has for its object the preservation of peace in Pan-America, that it may face the Old World free of internal dissension.

While the proposal was being communicated to some of the diplomats today and being discussed among the delegates to the Pan-American Scientific Congress, Elihu Root, former Secretary of State, speaking before the international law section of the Congress, made this declaration:

Pan-American Declaration.

"So long as the spirit of American freedom shall continue, it shall range us side by side with you, great and small, for the maintenance of the rights of nations, the rights which exist as against us and against all the rest of the world. We hail the smallest state, be it upon an island of the Caribbean or anywhere in Central or South America, as our equal in dignity, in right to respect, and in right to treatment as an equal."

Delegates to the Congress, who discussed Mr. Lansing's proposal and former Secretary Root's speech gave unreserved expressions of approbation.

SIX NEGROES DEAD AS THE RESULT OF FIGHT WITH POSSE

Four Shot and Killed and Two Burned in Cabin Where They Had Taken Refuge.

SLEW GEORGIA FARMER

Two White Possemen Seriously Wounded, Several Hurt in Series of Fights.

Blakeley, Ga., Dec. 30. — Four negroes were shot and killed, two burned to death in a negro cabin, two white ponsemen seriously wounded and several other whites slightly hurt, in a series of pitched battles near here today, growing out of the assassination near here last night of Henry Villipigue, an overseer on the E. H. Coachman plantation, according to reports reaching here tonight.

When the news of the death of Villipigue spread, posses were formed, one being led by Sheriff Howell, of Early county, in which the killing took place. Gradison Goolsby and an unknown negro, it is thought, were shot and killed by the sheriff's posse. Grandison's sons were burned to death later in a negro cabin in which they sought refuge after being driven from the one in which their father and the other negro were killed, and Early Hightower and James Burton, the former a cousin to Grandison Goolsby, were killed early in the afternoon by a posse composed of white farmers, aroused over the death of their neighbor.

Reports today said several bands of about fifty men each were scouring the country along the Chattahoochee river bottoms. Swamps were searched and negro cabins visited by angry men seeking the Goolsbys. Sheriff Powell late today sent in a call here for additional deputies with guns to help capture the suspected negroes and to prevent their being lynched.

The posse which killed Hightower and Burton was said to have gone to Hightower's cabin because of his kinship to the Goolsbys. When the whites rused toward the cabin, reports say either Hightower or Burton opened fire without parleying. After an exchange of shots the white men rushed in and found the two negroes dead.

Later in the afternoon, Sheriff Howell came upon a cabin about seven miles west of here in which the Goolsbys were barricaded and armed. Demands for their surrender brought a volley of shots from the cabin.

Several of the whites were wounded, it was said, and the sheriff and his men took cover and opened fire on the cabin. More than a hundred shots were fired in all. Then more daring members of the attacking force runhed to a side of the cabin which was without windows and applied a torch. The flames drove out Goolsby, his two sons and another negro, whose name was not learned.

The negroes rushed from the cabin door, firing as they ran, and Oliver Hudseth and Samuel Hilman, members of the posse, fell wounded. Goolsby was shot and killed as he dashed for safety, and a moment later the unidentified negro dropped. The Goolsby boys escaped through the woods.

Hudseth and Hilman were sent in an automobile to Hudseth's home and the sheriff nent here for more ammunition.

In the meantime, others in the posse had followed the fleeing negroes and forced them to take refuge in a cabin a few miles away. The sheriff then had this cabin set on fire and he and his deputies reported tonight that both the young negroes were burned to death when they remained in the cabin, rather than come out and face the guns of their attackers.

Both Hudseth and Hilman are expected to recover.

SULLINS COLLEGE, BRISTOL VA.-TENN., BURNED TO GROUND

Well Known Methodist School Completely Destroyed by Fire.

Bristol, Va.-Tenn., Dec. 31.—Fire which originated in the boiler room, completed destroyed Sullins College, a large Methodist female school here, at an early hour this morning. Loss estimated between $100,000 and $200,000. Owing to the holiday season most of the girls were away spending their vacation. Sullins Colleg was an old established institution and nearly every state in the South and Southwest was represented in the student body.

STEAMER PETROLITE IS NOW DOCKED IN AMERICAN WATERS

Members of Crew Say Nine Shots Were Fired at Vessel by Submarine.

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—Stories of hardships due to storms during the past month were told by members of crews and captains of eight vessels which arrived at Marcus Hook today. The Swedish freight steamer Narvik, from Narvik, December 8 with iron ore, arrived with its lifeboats gone and part of its forecastle and bridge message. One seaman was swept overboard and drowned and another was seriously injured December 22.

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GOV. HAMMOND OF MINNESOTA DEAD

Expires Suddenly of Apoplexy, at Clinton, La.

WAS ON BUSINESS TRIP

Had Been Governor of Minnesota for About a Year, Being Elected on Democratic Ticket—Republican Succeeds Him.

Clinton, La., Dec. 30.—Governor W. S. Hammond, of Minnesota, died suddenly in a hotel here early today from a stroke of appoplexy, which physicians stated apparently had been superinduced by a recent attack of ptomaine poisoning. He was stricken while in the lavatory of the hotel and died before physicians, who were summoned, could arrive.

Governor Hammond, accompanied by J. M. Newell, a business associate, arrived in Clinton three days ago to inspect his extensive land and lumber interests in East Feliciana Parish. He had not been well fgor several days but did not consider his condition sufficiently serious to consult a physician.

Shortly after breakfast, Governor Hammond went into the lavatory and a moment later Mr. Nowell and others in the hotel lobby heard him groaning. Rushing in they found Mr. Hammond on the floor. He was carried to his room where he expired within a few minutes.

Governor Hammond upon his arrival here stated that while on the train en route south he suffered an attack of ptomaine poisoning. He still felt the effects of the attack when he reached New Orleans where he spent Christmas day, delaying his arrival in Clinton because of his illness.

Accompanied by Mr. Nowell and an escort of members of the Masonic Lodge of Clinton, the body started on its northward journey late today.

Governor Hall, of Louisiana, and part of his staff joined the funeral party at Wilson. They will leave the train at Vicksburg. From Vicksburg, the body will go to Memphis then to Chicago and St. Paul.

SUCCESSOR SWORN IN

J. A. Burnquist, Republican Lieutenant Governor, Succeeds Hammond.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 30.—J. A. A. Burnquist was sworn in as Minnesota's nineteenth governor this afternoon, to succeed Winfield Scott Hammond, who died at Clinton, La., this morning. The ceremony took place in state court chambers at the state house, the oath being administered by Justice George L. Bunn, in the absence of Chief Justice Brown, who is ill with grip.

Mr. Burnquist was born in Iowa, 34 years ago and is a Republican, having been re-elected lieutenant governor after serving in that position during the administration of former Governor A. O. Eberhart.

Whfield Scott Hammond, eighteenth Governor of Minnesota, was inaugurated just about a year ago, following his election on the Democratic ticket. Previously, he had served several terms in the National House of Representa-

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FORD PARTY TO MOVE ON COPENHAGEN TODAY

Members Left Stockholm Yesterday on Special Train.

Managers Perplexed Over How They Shall Proceed to The Hague—Mayor of Stockholm Invites Return to That City.

Stockholm, Sweden, via London, December 30 — Occupying a special train, the Ford Peace Expedition left today for Copenhagen, where it is due on Friday. The managers of the party are still perplexed as to how it shall proceed later on The Hague, but hope to make arrangements in Copenhagen, where the members will remain probably for a week.

It is regarded as improbable that the route will lie through German territory, especially as the State Department refuses to extend the passports of the delegates so as to permit them to visit belligerent countries, it is stated. The only hope along this line is of Germany granting permission for a special train to be rushed through without stopping Otherwise, there will be an endeavor made to charter a vessel for the trip, although there is objection to this as unsafe.

The executive committee cabled to Henry Ford today that sympathy for the peace movement was growing in neutral countries. The message said that Sweden, although withholding official recognition from the movement, was heartily supporting it. Denmark was likewise described as sympathetic.

Just before the departure of the expedition, Paul L. Lindhagen, mayor of Stockholm, extended an invitation for the return of the delegates to Stockholm, if they are unable to reach The Hague.

FAIRBANKS NAMED ON G. O. P. TICKET

Indiana and Kentucky Republicans Pledge Support.

FOR PRESIDENT IN 1916

Former Vice President Given Noisy Ovation When He Responds to Invitation to Speak—Suggests Platform.

Indianapolis, Dec. 30.—Former Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks was endorsed at a love feast here today as Indiana's choice for the Republican nomination for president and at the same meeting, which filled to overflowing the largest theatre in the state, he was pledged the solid delegation from Kentucky in the National convention at Chicago next June.

Mr. Fairbanks was given a noisy ovation when he responded to an invitation to speak, after his name had been proposed for the presidential nomination by Edwin P. Morrow, of Kentucky.

"The people have tried Democracy," said Mr. Fairbanks, when the enthusiasm had quieted down sufficiently for him to begin, "and Democracy has tried them. The result has been a re-united, re-baptised party of opposition. There is no divided Republicanism here—we are re-united as of old."

In a brief speech he urged the necessity of not only adequate national preparedness against hostile invasion but also adequate national protection against industrial invasion. In suggesting a platform for the Republicans in 1916, Mr. Fairbanks said:

"We must maintain a foreign policy just and firm. We must make adequate preparation on land and sea for a National defense measured by our National needs. We must adopt a protective tariff measure which shall safeguard our industries and supplement the resources of the public treasury and guard us against inundation at the end of the European war."

Referring to the Democratic party the former vice president said:

"We are opposed to a great many things which our friends, the Democrats, offer. We oppose a government-owned and operated merchant marine; we object to stamp taxes upon the people during times of peace; we do not favor taxing bank checks, gasoline, automobiles and the like to make good Democratic deficits in the public revenue. It is an unnecessary and vexatious burden."

Mr. Morrow, in presenting Mr. Fairbanks' name, said:

"I am voicing the sentiments and hopes of 224,000 loyal, patriotic, militant Kentucky Republicans, men who love their party and profoundly believe in its principles. As their humble spokesman, we believe that the next President of the United States will come from Indiana. Charles Warren Fairbanks can swing Kentucky into the Republican column, sweep Indiana and carry the nation."

SALOONS IN COLORADO BEGIN TO CLOSE DOORS

Prohibition Law Becomes Effective Tomorrow.

Questions of National, State and Municipal Revenues and Legal Controversies Have Grown Out of State-Wide Measure.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 30.—Although state-wide prohibition does not go into effect until January 1, Colorado began to go dry today. Many saloons throughout the state closed tonight after disposing of their stocks of liquor. Hundreds purchased liquor in quantities for storage at home. Dealers estimated that December receipts from the sale of intoxicants would reach to many times its usual total. Some estimated the total receipts would approximate two million dollars. Indications were that Denver's new year eve celebration in hotels and cafes would surpass all demonstrations of former years.

Problems affecting national, state and municipal revenues and legal controversies have grown out of the enactment of state-wide prohibition laws. Legal questions involve efforts to obtain a referendum vote on the statutory penalty law and the right of cities operating under special charter to regulate their liquor traffic.

Under the people's mandate given at the general elections November 3, 1914, 14 breweries and more than 1,500 saloons will be closed, cutting off more than a million dollars revenue of federal, state and municipal governments annually received in various forms of taxation.

Prior to the adoption of the constitutional amendment a large portion of Northern Colorado was "dry" territory under the local option law passed in 1907. Colorado Springs, third largest city, excluded saloons, the late Gen. William L. Palmer, who laid out much

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ENTENTE SOLDIERS LAND AT TWO MORE POINTS IN GREECE

Indications Are That Long Drawn Out Warfare Will Develop at Saloniki.

NEW RUSSIAN ACTIVITY

Campaign in Bessarabia May Have Important Effect on Whole War Situation.

London, Dec. 30.—Two new landings by the Entente Allies in the Near East are reported today. The British have transferred some troops from Saloniki to Orfano, a small Greek port sixty miles east of Saloniki, with the intention of thus checking any possibility of a hostile advance from this quarter. The second landing was made by the French on the Greek island of Castelorizo, off the southeast coast of Asia Minor, not far from the important seaport of Adalia.

An Athens dispatch says that the occupation of Adalia is the object of the landing. A railway runs north of Adalia, and the presence there of a strong Entente force would menace the communications of any hostile force operating against Egypt or the lower Tigres region.

Positions Considered Secure.

These movements indicate that the Entente Allies' positions around Saloniki are now considered secure, and indications are that the campaign around Saloniki will develop into a long drawn out warfare, as on other fronts.

Rome reports that the Central Powers have begun a general withdrawal from the entire Macedonian front, owing to the serious Russian campaign in Messarabia, but this lacks confirmation. In the Entente capitals, however, there is a general opinion that the Russian campaign in Bessarabia which has been undertaken in the face of unfavorable weather conditions, is likely to have an important bearing on the whole war situation. According to one version, Russia's new move is the forerunner of the impending Rumanian entry into the war on the side of the Entente Allies. The Pall Mall Gazette's Russian correspondent writes:

Says Rumania Will Fight.

"Russian joint operations with Rumania are on the point of beginning. Rumania will fight with us, although not for us. Her siding with the Entente is not the result of French or English sympathies, but an endeavor to realize the Rumanian dream of sovereignty over Bukowina and Transylvania. As preparation for Rumania's entry into the war Russia's aim is to conquer Bukowina for the benefit of her new ally. This task can be accomplished in a few weeks.

"The Rumanians will then fortify the new province and march with the Russions through Bulgaria and Transylvania, while simultaneously the Italians, French, British and Serbians will deal blows on other fronts."

INDICATES WEAKNESS.

Berlin Press Comments on Tuesday Meeting of British Cabinet.

Berlin, via London, Dec. 30.—Morning newspapers today displayed prominently the London dispatch concerning Tuesday's meeting of the British cabinet, indicating its decision with regard to compulsory military service and commented upon it at considerable length. There is general curiosity as to whether opposition among the British people to conscription will cause the effort to impose it to fail, no paper, however, openly predicting its failure.

The new course that affairs have taken is held to indicate the non-success of the Earl of Derby's recruiting scheme. Thus Count von Reventlow in the Tages Zeitung, declares that if Lord Derby had had half the success that had been announced, compulsion would not have been decided upon. The article says:

"We Germans see in this decision no sign of strength and not only a sign of weakness but also proof that people in England perceive the situation as unfortunately so critical that they resort to the same remedy which they have always shuddered at."

The Lokal Anzeiger sees in the action a victory for David Lloyd-George.

PROTEST TO CONSCRIPTION.

Miners' Federation of South Wales Adopt Resolution.

Cardiff, Wales, Dec. 30.—The executive committee of the Miners' Federation of South Wales met today and unanimously adopted a resolution against "the sinister efforts of certain party politicians and a section of the press to impose conscription on the people."

The resolution asks the Miners' Federation of Great Britain to call a national conference immediately to protest against any legislation for conscription.

CONVENE TRADE CONGRESS.

Will Consider British Government's Bill for Compulsion of Single Men.

London, Dec. 30.—A special trades congress to which all societies affiliated with the labor movement are invited to send representatives, will be con-

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TESTIMONY IN NEW HAVEN CASE ENDED

Counsel for Officials Begin Arguments Monday.

ONLY THREE TESTIFY

Rockefeller in Deposition Denies He Ever Conspired to Control New England Traffic—Places Blame on Rollins.

New York, Dec. 30.—The jury which is to decide the fate of the 11 former directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad accused of criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law heard the last testimony in the case today. The defense rested and the trial adjourned until Monday when counsel will begin their arguments summing up the evidence. For this the court allotted two days to each side so that the case probably will reach the jury for its verdict on Friday, January 7th.

The defense closed after having called only two of the defendants, Lewis Cass Ledyard and Charles M. Pratt, and the reading of a deposition of William Rockefeller who, it was announced, was too ill to testify. In this deposition Mr. Rockefeller placed the responsibility for the allewed unlawful acts of which he is accused, chiefly on Edward D. Robbins, former general counsel of the New Haven. The deposition added that other "lawyers of standing" advised the board and that "in addition there were always on the board a number of lawyers of distinction, to whose judgment on questions of law, the lay members were accustomed to defer and that he, Rockefeller, was never advised and never supposed that any acquisition for which he voted was in violation of the Federal anti-trust act or was open to question under said act."

Rockefeller denied that he had ever entered or formed a conspiracy to monopolize the commerce of New England and said that the various properties taken over by the New Haven during his service as a director were not in pursuance of a "pre-conceived plan" but on account of "special circumstances which immediately induced the acquisitions." In voting for them he exercised his best judgment, "acting in the belief that the acquisitions were in the best interest of the New Haven company and of the service in which it was engaged." In no case, he swore, had he profited personally thereby. On cross examination Charles M. Pratt denied that the various acquisitions of the New Haven were voted for "in pursuance to any distinct policy."

Before the adjournment Judge Hunt requested counsel for the defense to submit to him as soon as possible their requests for charging the jury. They have at least 50 prepared.

COLORADO SALOONS ARE CLOSING DOORS

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of the land upon which the city was built, having barred saloons in deeds to property.

The vote of Colorado electors November 3, 1914, on the prohibition constitutional amendment was: For 129,589; against 118,017. Denver alone returned a "wet" majority, the figures favoring retention by approximately 10,000. George A. Carlson, an avowed adherent of the "drys," was elected governor at this time.

The ensuing legislature enacted a measure designed to enfroce the prohibition amendment and to provide penalties for its violation. This law was enacted by a unanimous vote in the senate.

The law prohibits manufacture, sale, or giving away of liquors, but provides that liquor may be secured for sacramental, private and medicinal use, under certain restrictions. Purchasers for sacramental purposes are required to pay an annual license fee of $1. Physicians are permitted to issue only numbered prescriptions which must state the date and hour and specify the malady of the patient. The prescription must not call for more than four ounces of liquor, is not valid after 48 hours and cannot be refilled. Wholesale druggists must pay an annual license of $100 and retail druggists $5, to handle intoxicants. Private consumers may receive liquor through common carriers, signing a receipt in the form of an affidavit showing the goods are for no other purpose than medicinal or private consumption. Each package must be labelled to indicate its contents and a fee is charged to cover the cost of filing a record of deliveries with the secretary of state, required monthly of railroads and quarters of firms handling liquor.

As to civil liability, the law provides that any person injured or whose property or means of support has suffered at the hands of an intoxicated person shall have right of action against any person or firm that illegally furnished the liquor.

ARKANSAS TO GO "DRY".

State-Wide Prohibition Law Goes Into Effect at Midnight.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 30.—Arkansas will have its first experience with prohibition when the state-wide law goes into effect at midnight tomorrow. T. C. White, superintendent of the Arkansan department of the Anti-Saloon League, stated tonight that all the resources of the league will be employed to compel a rigid enforcement of the law.

Representatives of the liquor interests have indicated that no attempt will be made to secure the repeal of the law until state-wide prohibition is given a thorough test.

London, Dec. 30. — It is understood in shipping circles here that the Cunard Line has arranged to absorb the Well Line steamers, numbering six and amounting to a tonnage of 30,000 The Well Line is owned by Tyzack and Branfoot, of New Castle-on-Tyne.

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SUGGESTS DEAL TO SWAP PHILIPPINES

For Old World Possessions in Western Hemisphere.

MAKE SURE OF PEACE

Former U. S. Minister Sherrill Says We Must Act Upon Monroe Doctrine as We Ask Others to Act if We Are to Pacify Japan.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Charles H. Sherrill, former United States minister to the Argentine republic, in an address here tonight advanced the suggestions that the United States might strike some bargain with European nations and Japan whereby American possession of the Philippines would be relinguished if the Old World nations would give up their few remaining colonial possessions in the Western Hemisphere. Mr. Sherrill was elaborating upon the views which he expounded some time ago to the effect that the Monroe Doctrine should be completed, by having the United States purchase and set free all existing European colonies in the New World, except Canada, which is already self-governing.

In tonight's address, which was delivered at a banquet given by the Carnegie Foundation to the American Institute of International Law and other societies Mr. Sherrill said that to make sure of a continuing peace on the Pacific, the United States must act as, through the Monroe Doctrine, it asked others to do. For nearly a century, he said, the United States had preached to all the outside world against interference with the affairs of this hemisphere, and peace on the Pacific could not be assured until Japan was convinced that what we preach on the eastern shores of that ocean we are willing to practice on the western. He said:

"There is no use disguising the fact that many Americans feel that we are and ought to be the natural protector of China against what they call Japanese aggression. Until we definitely exercise that international bogey we will never gain that complete confidence of Japan which will spell continued peace on the Pacific.

"The roots of this dangerous nonsense of our being the natural protector of China run back into the distant past, to the days when the New England clipper ships traded so profitably with China, and brought back such cupidity—stirring tales of the fabulous wealth of the Far East. Thanks to that foolish legislation the reciprocity act of 1828, which took away protection from our mercnant marine, our ships disappeared from the seas, but the memory of those Chinese profits and the stories of Chinese commercial possibilities persisted. But what are the cold facts? The foreign trade of Latin America is 18 times greater than that of China, and the foreign trade of Argentina alone almost equals that of China and Japan put together, and furthermore it is increasing at a greater rate.

"But the chief cause of this 'National Protector of China' nonsense is the very mistaken impression generally prevailing in our country concerning the 'open door' in China which it is believed Mr. John Hay arranged by his clever series of communications sent September 6, 1899, to France, Germany, England, Russia, Italy and Japan, through our diplomatic representatives there making an identical diplomatic stroke and was supposed at the time not only to have set the door open in China but to have fixed it open for all time. But what happened the very first time we started to use that door? The third clause of the Hay proposal dealt especially with the railroad situation in China and yet when Mor. Knox as secretary of State attempted to effect the international neutralization of the Manchurian railways, he found the open door locked and bolted. It is to be hoped that we shall always maintain our treaty rights in China along with those of other nations, but those who still believe that we have an open door there which will give us special privleges are dreaming an empty dream.

"And this brings us to our one most vexed problem—the Philippines and what to do with them. We hold those islands as the chance results of war, and not because of a lust for territory or any desire for a foothold in the Orient, but what is the viewpoint of Japan? How would we feel if Japan came into possession of some of the West Indian Islands?—would it not affront the Monroe Doctrine? Why then should we be good Pan-Americans only in the Caribbean Sea and not ourselves practice the same stay at home and mind your own business policy in the Orient? It is but natural for the Japanese to wonder how we can continue persistently to object to foreign colonization in the western hemisphere where we are actually in possession of large colories near the coast of Asia. This Philippine problem is not at present being met in a way that is satisfactory to any of us. Why can't it be met so frankly that out of its very difficulties a valuable result can be evolved, just as from the Mexican imbroglio there emerged the Pan-American mediation machinery, of so great value already, and certain to prove more valuable as it develops. Our possession of the Philippines does not true up to the fundamental ideas of the Monroe Doctrine. But neither does the possession by Denmark, Holland, France, and England of colonies in this hemisphere! Why not set one o fthese discordant facts off against the other and trade the Philippine islands for all European possessions to the south of us, and then turn the Guianas and British Honduras into free republics, return the Falkland Islands to Argentina, and take under our flag the West Indian Islands, so important to the defense of the Panama Canal. Thus at one step would we eliminate Japanese distrust caused by our holding the Philippines, honorably from European entangelments inititated by Monroe's protest against additional European colonization, and, finally, free us from European military bases near the Panama canal.

"With all this completed, we could all tranquilly turn our attention to developing the untouched resources of this hemisphere, the world's next great step forward."

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ENTENTE SOLDIERS LAND A TTWO MORE POINTS IN GREECE

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vened in London January 6 to consider the government's bill for the compulsory enlistment of single men which Premier Asquith will introduce in the House of Commons next Wednesday.

The calling of the congress is the result of a protracted conference of the parliamentary committee of the trades union congress, the executive committee of the labor party, and the management committee of the General Federation of Trades Unions held today under the presidency of Arthur Henderson, president of the board of education. An official report of the conference says:

"It was agreed that the importance of the issue involved is so serious that any decision on behalf of trades union and labor movement could only be reached by a national conference of representatives of the entire movement."

The recommendation later was discussed with the parliamentary labor party and received its full concurrence. One reason for the recommendation, the official report of the conference says, was "the very pronounced views expressed by a resolution at the trades union congress in September." The resolution strongly opposed conscription in any form.

102 SHIPS NAMED ON BLACK LIST OF NEUTRAL SHIPPING

Eleven of American Aegistry Appear on British Guide.

London, Dec. 30.—The black list of neutral shipping issued by the government for the guidance of British shippers who are advised not to charter ships appearing on it as they are suspected of actual trading with Great Britain's goes for other unneutral service or as representing German capital, now shows the names of 102 steamers. Their gross tonnage is 80,000, which means a carrying capacity of 200,000 tons available to British shippers and neutral charterers in any way dependent on British shipping. Neutral nations represented on the new list with the number of ships of each nation, are as follows:

United States 11; Norway 38; Sweden 37; Denmark 8; Spain 1; Holland 4, and Brazil 3.

The American vessels that appear on the list are the Allaguash, Ausable, Gennessee, Hocking, Kankakee, Manitowoc, Maumee, Seneca, Winnebago, Winneconne and Muskegon.

EXCITING FIRE IN GARAGE.

Gasoline on Floor at Wilmington Taxicab Company Last Night.

Fire that came near being serious started last night at 11:25 o'clock in the garage of the Wilmington Taxicab Company, No. 14 North Second street, when some gasoline that had escaped from one of the jitney busses belonging to the Auto Transit Company, which was being worked on, the motor having been taken out and the gas pipe left open, caught fire.

When the blaze was discovered, the flames were reaching to the high ceiling in the garage, and there were more than a dozen cars stored away in the room. Fortunately both the day crew and night crew happened to be in the garage at the time and all turned their hands to saving cars and delivered every one safely on the street uninjured except the one where the flames had started. The fire department arrived in short order and soon had the flames extinguished.

No one saw the fire start, nor would make any statement regarding it, but it is thought that the vaporizing gas was caught from a match or cigar or cigarette stub that had been thrown away. The damage was estimated last night to be $200 or more.

OBJECTS TO LETTERS BEING SENT TO CATHOLIC CLERGY

Cardinal Gibbons Does Not Recognize Mr. Sunday's Teachings.

Baltimore, Dec. 30.—Cardinal Gibbons tonight expressed sorrow that the "purport of his conversation with Rev. Dr. George C. Peck, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, regarding the Billy Sunday campaign was misunderstood," and declared that he had not "authorized the sending of letters to Catholic pastors asking prayer for the success of the coming campaign in Baltimore."

The Cardinal said he did not know Dr. Peck was an accredited representative of the prayer meeting committee of the Sunday compaign management and received him only as a minister calling as would any other individual.

Asked if he objected to the prayers of the Catholic clergy being sought for the success of the Sunday campaign, the Cardinal replied that he had no objection. It was the inference drawn from Dr. Peck's public statement that permission had been given to send letters to Catholic clergy to which the cardinal said he objected. The Catholic church, he said, could not in any way recognize Mr. Sunday as a divinely commissioned teacher of revelation.

"Mr. Sunday is always kind to the Catholic church in his references," the Cardinal added, "and we mean no discourtesy to him by keeping away from him and his meeting and his influence."

NOW UP TO COURTS

Chief of Police Williams Turns Over Key of Whiskey to Sheriff.

Sheriff Cowan now has possession of the keg of whiskey which Chief of Police Williams turned over to him yesterday following the institution of claim and delivery proceedings by the Atlantic Coast Line. This keg containing five gallons is one of 12 seized by the police department at the Atlantic Coast Line warehouse, all of them being packed in barrels of flour.

The proceedings were started by the railroad with a view to finding out whether or not it is legal for officers to seize shipments on which the freight has not been paid. It is unlawful for the railroad to deliver consignments of goods without the freight being paid on it and the seizure of packages by the officers may raise an important question of law.

It is probable that an agreed statement of facts will be decided upon and the matter made a test case.

CARGO OF FERTILIZERS

British Steamer Kylemohr Expected to Arrive From Glasgow Today.

The British steamer Kylemohr with a cargo of 3,000 tons of fertilizer materials from Glasgow, Scotland, which will be discharged at the Seaboard Air Line terminals, is expected to arrive today. The vessel is consigned to Henry Whyte, agent. This is the first cargo of fertilizer materials to reach Wilmington from across the Atlantic in over a year.

The Kylemohr was delayed in sailing because of the holding up of 1,500 tons of sulphate of ammonia by the British government because of belief that it was intended for the manufacture of war munitions. This part of her cargo is for the Acme Manufacturing Company.

AUSTRIAN REPLY TO NOTE SAYS SUBMARINE COMMANDER PUNISHED

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steamer would sink. Only at 1:20 o'clock did it sink, bow first.

During the further 45 minutes, it is averred, all the persons aboard could have easily been saved with their life boats. From the circumstances that this did not occur, the commander concluded that the crew, contrary to all the rules of the seas, accomplished their own rescue in the firm boats and left the passengers to themselves.

Not Entirely to Blame.

The entire loss of life, the note sets forth, cannot be attributable in the first instance to the sinking of the vessel but in some degree to the dropping of the first boats while the steamer was proceeding at full speed and to the fact that the crew only thought of their own safety and did not rescue the passengers from the capsized boats, but the death of the persons drowned with the sinking vessel, must, above all be ascribed to the culpable behavior of the crew.

The Austrian reply then states that the American note in several points is based on incorrect suppositions, and describes as incorrect that a shell was at once fired; that the submarine, on pursuit, over took the steamer, that only a short time was allowed for those aboard to enter the boats and that several shots were fired on the steamer even after it had stopped.

The commander of the submarine, the note continues, allowed the steamer more time than was necessary for the passengers to take the boats and then torpedoed the vessel in such a manner that it would remain afloat as long as possible to enable the passengers to disembark—"an object which would have been obtained if the passengers had not been forsaken by the crew."

The Officer Punished.

"Fully apreciating the attitude of the commander, who had in view the rescue of the passengers and crew," says the note, "the Austro-Hungarian naval authorities have arrived at the conclusion that he apparently neglected to take sufficiently into consideration the panic among the passengers which rendered the disembarkation more difficult and the spirit of the regulations that Austro-Hungarian naval officers should refuse assistance to no one in distress, even an enemy. The officer was therefore punished for violating the instructions embodied in the rules in force for such cases."

The Austrian reply further expresses the hope that Washington will be able to supply the particulars of how the American citizens were affected, but in the event of such evidence being lacking and the United States being unable to state how the American citizens came to their death, the Austro-Hungarian government, "is ready to pass lightly over this deficiency and indemnity for damages, whose approximate cause cannot be fixed and hopes thereby that the incident will be regarded as ended."

"The Austro-Hungarian government does not hesitate in view of the circumstances to draw the appropriate conclusion concerning the indemnifying of American citizens affected by the sinking of the prize but for the damage caused by the doubtlessly justified firing on the fleeing vessel, the Austro-Hungarian government cannot well be made responsible for the damages which resulted from the incorrect disembarkation or the capsizing of the lowered boats before the torpedo was fired.

"The Austro-Hungarian government must suppose that the Washington cabinet is able and willing to communicate to the Austro-Hungarian cabinet th enecessary information referring thereto.

Would Overlook Deficiency.

"But in case appropriate evidence islacking and the United States government should not have knowledge of the particulars of how the American citizens came to grief, the Austro-Hungarian government, in consideration of the incident which, from an humane standpoint, is deeply to be regretted, and guided by the desire once more to manifest its friendly feelings towards the United States, is ready and prepared to pass lightly over this deficiency of evidence and also to indemnify for damages whose proximate cause could not be fixed. Hoping that the Ancona incident can now be regarded as cleared up, the Austro-Hungarian government makes provision to submit for discussion at a later moment these difficult international questions which are connected with submarine warfare."

PRINCIPAL DEMAND OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS REPORTED MET

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manifold opportunities in such a lengthy reply as Ambassador Penfield reports in his hands for keeping the case in the realm of diplomatic discussion until a way for settlement is found which will see the relations between the two countries unsevered.

Baron Erich Zwiedinek, charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy, called upon Counsellor Polk at the State Department during the day. At the conclusion of the conference neither would comment on the subject discussed beyond saying that it had to do with a "routine matter."

The counsellor is handling for the State Department the protest made by Baron Zwiedinek against a statement issued in the name of the Department of Justice referring to the activity of Dr. von Nuber, Austro-Hungarian consul general, at New York.

GOV. HAMMOND OF MINNESOTA DEAD

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tives, being sent to Washington from the Second Minnesota district.

Governor Hammond was unmarried. He was born November 17, 1863, at Southboro, Worcester county, Massachusetts. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1884 and as a young man he came to Minnesota. He was elected to the Sixtieth, Sixty-first and Sixty-Second Congresses and re-elected to the Sixty-third Congress.

SCHOONER'S CREW SAFE.

The Luther T. Garretson Foundered 75 Miles from Charleston Sunday.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 30.—Capt. A. W. Hutchinson and the crew of six men of the schooner Luther T. Garretson arrived here in a launch from Cape Romain, S. C. The schooner foundered 75 miles off Charleston Sunday. Captain Hutchinson and his crew in a small boat reached Cape Romain, after 60 hours battling with the waves.

The Luther T. Garretson was bound from Jacksonville for Bridgeport, Conn., with a cargo of lumber.

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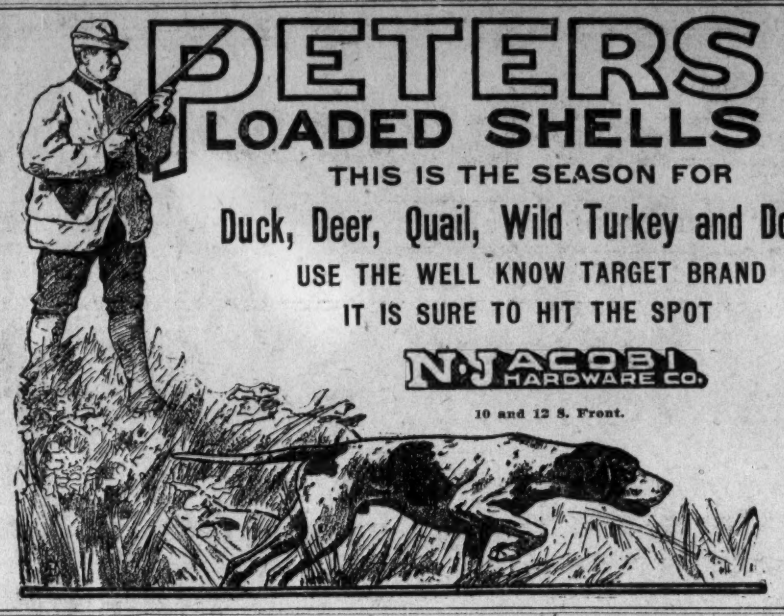

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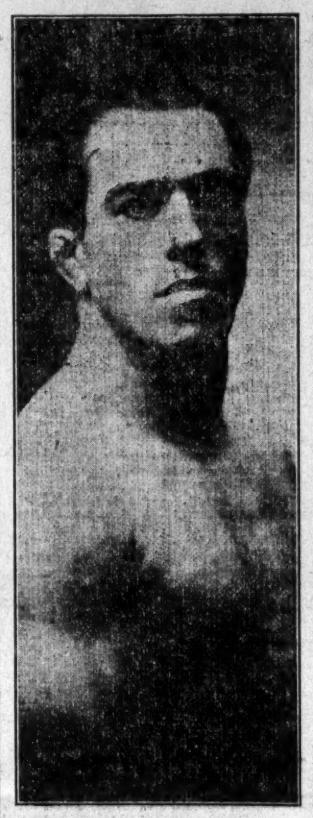

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Today the Bijou presents what is actually "The Biggest Treat of the Year" at that popular photoplay theatre. That's no "kidding," either, for it's absolutely the biggest photoplay you've seen at the Bijou during the year 1915, and it comes on the last day of the year, as a fitting close to a great year.

"The Campbells Are Coming" has been aptly called "the military spectacle of the year." But best of all it features those two great Universal stars, Grace Cunard and Francis Ford, in the leading roles. Seldom does one see so much of the spectacular in a four-reel feature. Seldom that so much spectacular action comes as a necessity as a part of the story. The result is a picture that rings true; that has a punch such as a vigorous director like Francis Ford knows how to get into every scene.

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Tomorrow's New Year Feature at the Royal Theatre.

New Year's Eve at Grand.

Today's feature at the Grand has been especially selected for the big crowds on New Year's Eve, and is one of the biggest dramas of the year. "Love's Own Way" is the title and it is a three-reel Lubin photoplay, written by Shannon Fife, and enacted by a great cast of stars headed by Mary Charleston, Josephine Longworth and Francis Joyner in the leading roles.

The Moving Picture World says of this production: "The details of the plot, an intensely interesting one, have been joined together in a masterly manner, and are authentic reproductions of certain phases of our national existence. The "big scene" is fashioned from well seasoned material and during the progress of the play the author does not try to drive home any great truth nor suggest means for any moral reform. Events are always interesting, and John E. Ince has produced a picture with pleasing effects."

Another feature is an issue of "The Canimated Nooze," the laughable Essanay burlesque on the various News weeklies, in which the current events are dished up by the cartoon route, in a highly amusing manner. You don't want to miss this—it's a corker.

At the Royal Today.

Today's feature at the Royal, an elaborate filmization of the sensational drama of English Society life, "Evidence," stars Edwin August and Lillian Tucker, two of filmdom's greatest emotional dramatic stars. The Lyric theatre (New York) success of a season ago, is a story of human, tender enthralling attributes, exciting, sensational by turns, and a true to life delineation of English society life.

A powerful story of mother love, interwoven with strong dramatic interest, carries the auditor through a series of tense, pulsating situations that go to make up an hour and a half of solid enjoyment.

"Evidence" is a lavishly staged production, presenting all the elements of a sensational melodrama, and the finer points of a pathetic, human appeal story. There is enough weeping, enough emotion, enough villainy and heroic sacrifice to satisfy the most ardent devotee of society fiction.

Lillian Tucker and Edwin August in "Evidence," Royal Today.

Big Feature—Royal Tomorrow.

A stupendous production, depicting a love story of old Madrid and the picturesque court life of 350 years ago, is "In the Palace of the King," Essanay's six-act feature photoplay, dramatized from the famous novel by F. Marion Crawford. Five thousand persons were engaged by Essanay to take part in this photoplay, which, critics say, is one of the most popular ever produced. It comes to the Royal tomorrow.

Besides the thousands of men and women employed in the film, hundreds of blooded horses and thousands of dollars' worth of beautiful costumes were used to lend realistic color to the play, and neither time nor money was spared by Essanay to make the film perfect in every respect. So realistic is it, in fact, that one is taken back, out of modernity, to the time of the action, and almost imagines himself over in royalty, grandees and court ladies.

A Scene From "The Campbells Are Coming," Starring Grace Cunard and Francis Ford," at the Bijou Theatre Today.

RE-ELECTS DIRECTORS

Those Under Class C Named for Another Term by Reserve Board.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Announcement was made tonight by the Federal Reserve Board of the re-election for three-year terms of the following Class C or government directors of Federal banks:

Alon Hollis, Boston; H. P. Wolfe, Cleveland; Edward T. Brown, Atlanta; E. T. Meredith, Chicago; William McMartin, St. Louis; M. F. H. Gouverneur, Richmond; R. H. Malone, Kansas City, and George Foster Peabody, New York. The board is still considering men for the vacancies in the San Francisco, Minneapolis, Dallas and Philadelphia banks.

Mr. M. F. H. Gouverneur, re-elected for the Richmond district, is a prominent and well known business man of Wilmington, being first vice president of the Tidewater Power Company and connected with a number of other important enterprises.

MRS. DELANEY STARTS HOME

Newbern Hotel Man Helps Her to Norfolk—Husband in Jail.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 30.—Tonight Mrs. Frank DeLaney, the young bride of Frank De Laney, of Schenectady, N. Y., who was placed under arrest and jailed here yesterday on a charge of forgery and passing worthless checks, will go to Norfolk and from there will endeavor to reach New York where she believes she can secure a position with some musical comedy show.

After the arrest of her husband, Mrs. De Laney wired friends for assistance, she being without funds and without any friends in this part of the State. So far she has received no reply from these messages but Manager R. A. Cherry, of the Gaston hotel, whom De Laney "stuck" for $25, has arranged to get De Laney's girl wife to Norfolk.

NEWSPAPER MEN MOVE

Mr. Asa Biggs Goes to Fayetteville; Mr. Bledsoe to Greenville.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 30.—Of interest in newspaper circles of North Carolina is the announcement that Asa Biggs, who has for some months been at the helm of the Greenville Reflector, will on Friday of this week resign his position there to accept another with the Fayetteville News.

Samuel B. Bledsoe, of this city, formerly city editor of the Newbern Journal, will fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Biggs.

MEANS MORE THAN TALK.

Object of the Newly Organized Kinston Telephone Society.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 30.—Something else besides talk is the object of the Kinston Telephone Society, recently organized by operators, linemen and other telephone workers here. So far no one outside the business has been asked to join, nor will any suggestions from the outside be taken, it is said. The bright hello girls and trouble men, etc., have pledged themselves to "work to improve the service" as well as hold meetings "like other women." The management of the local central office is giving the organization all the encouragement possible. Patrons, too, are evincing friendly interest in the society, proving a cordial relationship between the subscribers here and the girls who put them in communication with doctors, grocers, beaux, chronic nuisances, etc. Such a state of affairs is very unusual, say members of the society, for the telephone user does not usually care a rap about the operator, unless it is a man who happens to be "stuck" on her.

Love that is only half remembered is only half delight.

The lover who pays in sighs is repaid in hopes.

LENOIR BOY BLEEDS TO DEATH.

Accidentally Cut His Throat With Glass When He Fell.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 30.—A 12-year-old son of Zeb Harrison, a Lenoir county planter, while carrying a piece of glass, stumbled and fell, cutting his throat with the glass, said a report from Institute today. He bled to death within 15 minutes.

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TOP O' THE MORNING

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring happy bells across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

—TENNYSON.

Probably owing to the censorship, King George seems to be exceedingly busy sawing wood.

No doubt the Gary dinner was good, but we imagine it would not have been good for President Wilson to have been there.

Do not live in the past. When you see a bed of mint turn away from it so your mind will not wander back to the time when mint saw its best days.

Colonel Roosevelt is said to be leaning towards the Republican party, but if it be true he will demand that the G. O. P. shall lean more towards him than he does towards it.

The Jacksonville Times-Union tells us that "there are 65,884 more females than males in Massachusetts. Gee! Wouldn't Massachusetts be a good place to have a bargain store?

Eighteen prominent Republicans have been spoken of for President but if any one of them begins to speak of himself for it, Colonel Roosevelt will speak of him as a saphead.

The Raleigh Times inquires: "Ought states to have a guardian?" We expect any day to see the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot say that one of the states which needs a guardian is the married state.

Inhibition goes into effect tomorrow in South Carolina. When South Carolinians have to get on the water-wagon and stay because of enforced drouth, we will know that prohibition prevails in spite of wails.

Our idea of an anomoly is the kind of prohibition which permits a consumer to have a quart of liquor or none, and yet forces him to lay in 12 quarts of liquor or none. As to wine, there must be a feast or a famine.

Wilmington is getting her old-time move on her. The indications are becoming more pronounced every day. Even in the midst of the holidays important undertakings have been set on foot without waiting for the Christmas spirit to take its flight.

A few distinguished politicians profit by Barnum's knowledge of the fact that if you want Americans to tiptoe you've got to play a shell game in a spectacular manner so it will be all guess work as to which shell covers the all important bean of beans.

The Hon. James D. Price, state commissioner of agriculture of Georgia, wagers $1,000 that he can eat a quail for breakfast every morning for 30 consecutive days. Probably some Augusta man will get nervous and cover the thousand bones, but we refuse to have a thing to do with the game unless we are allowed to hold the stakes so they can't get away from us.

Noah was no pessimist. He believed that it was going to rain forty days and forty nights. He built the ark and came out on top of Mt. Ararat. Some inocuous inkslinger might butt in and remark that Noah put the rat in Ararat, but the main thing is that his adequate preparedness indicates that he knew enough to get in out of the rain.

Probably the Ford peace party has fulfilled the idea of Uncle Rastus as to white folks. "White folks knows a heap," he said. "When dey gits togedder de allus starts er conversation to fine out what one another knows. Some of 'em soon expresses an opinion and from den on dey gits into er discussion. Some gits on de 'pro' side and some works round on de 'con' side an' den dey gits to argin right and lef. Dey jis git warmer and warmer and it all wines up wid what smart white folks calls dissention."

A PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED.

Humanity needs assistance and there are worthy people who have to be taken care of somewhere in the world. Each community has its charges and its burdens, but one of the penalties of a growing, prosperous city is the disposition of unfortunate people to flock to them as the easiest and surest way of getting help. That relieves other communities of a burden that ought to be all their own, but for the fact that there is no system by which some sort of charity equilibrium can be maintained between different localities. Wilmington has her troubles on that score as well as other cities, hence the following from the Savannah News is both pertinent and timely:

"By finding a means to lighten the burden imposed on cities of the Southeastern states by the transient pauper evil, the conference of municipal officials at Jacksonville next month would become one of the most important meetings in the South in a long while. A heavy tax is paid every year to the custom of "passing along" paupers from place to place; and it must be said that the tendency of some cities to make "dumping points" of others has contributed to the growth of the evil and has tended to prevent such a conference as that to be held at Jacksonville. Common sense would dictate a policy of co-operation among the cities of this section, rather than a continuance of efforts to pass paupers along to the most convenient neighbor community. The problem the conference will tackle will not be easy of solution; there are many kinds of persons who drift from city to city, southward in the fall and northward in the spring, and who get help along the way by telling a great variety of hard luck stories to mayors and charitable organizations; there are many others who would cease to be dependent upon charity if they could reach relatives at some distant place; and there are still others who will be dependent upon charity wherever they are. Of this last class it may be said that it has been customary to pass them along as quickly as possible in the hope of putting the burden of their care upon some other community. Some of the transients are able-bodied men, some women and children, some crippled, some sick. Altogether their numbers equal a small army in the course of a year."

Some of the migrating charges on a city pass to and fro of their own will and kind hearted people give to them indiscriminately without realizing what a drain it is upon them and their city. During the course of the year thousands of dollars are given to journeying mendicants, who although worthy of it in a humane sense, carry away from Wilmington—no one knows how much. They get help and no one knows how much, when right here in their home city are hundreds of just as worthy people who are allowed to go in want because they cannot work the streets as the transients do.

Cities themselves often dump their undesirables upon each other, an evil committed in the name of the law, whereas the law ought to make it obligatory upon each city to manage, control or regulate its own crooks and its own riffraff of every description. It is a community crime to dump its own burdens on another and get rid of a problem by shifting it on to some other locality not even so able to handle it. It is a merely academic idea that one city can give walking papers to its undesirables and pass them on to another. One neighbor may as well throw a dead cat from his yard into that of a neighbor, just so he rids himself of the carcass.

In all these things the News suggests co-operation between cities. At present, that paper truthfully remarks, each city seems to think that the easiest way to rid itself of traveling and even local nuisances is to pay their way to another city. We would suggest that at that Jacksonville meeting the cities should make a study of their obligations to each other. They do not seem to know them, and yet each city should do unto others as it would have each city do unto it. It is a monstrous idea that one city can clean up itself and make another its dumping ground.

As to charitable giving, there ought to be one clearing house in each city to which can be sent transients as well as others so that all can be better taken care of in accordance with a system. Indiscriminate giving on the streets in all likelihood amounts to more than the share that class should get, while in instances of local distress there has been little to come the way of many a worthy soul. Wilmington has little idea of what it gives away to transients whose collections here and there create bank accounts for some of them.

THE SOY BEAN'S DAY COMING.

While the production of the soy bean in Eastern North Carolina has been given a boost by the successful demonstration of the practicability of manufacturing oil and meal from these beans in the cotton oil mills so numerous in the South, without the addition of machinery, the Old World is beginning to attach more importance than ever to the merits of the soja, attention to which has been particularly augmented by discussion of the food blockade against Germany during the war, according to a London correspondent of the Associated Press. It is hardly too much to contemplate that the soy bean and its products will yet become one of the world's great commercial commodities, staple as cotton seed, oil and meal are today.

The fact that the soy bean can be manufactured into oil and meal, thus developing a new and important industry, that means so much to agriculture, without involving great initial expense in providing new machinery, is a circumstance that gives the bean industry an advantage rarely if ever enjoyed by any new line of enterprise. This of itself ought to prove a tremendous impetus to the soy bean industry in Eastern North Carolina and the South.

From the standpoint of the cotton oil mills, at present at least, the chief importance of the soy bean is that it provides raw material for the operation of the oil mills after the annual supply of cotton seed is exhausted, thus enabling them to operate profitably during the entire year or a large part of the year, whereas, with cotton seed alone, they are able to operate only a few months in the year, hardly more than half the year, on the average, we should say. During the balance of the year the cotton mills are idle. It is an economic fact that idle machinery is a liability and not an asset to its owners.

At present Manchuria is the world's center of soy bean production, more than 25 per cent of the cultivated area of that country being devoted to these beans. Of course, they are produced on a comparatively small scale in other countries. In the northern portion of Eastern North Carolina, soy bean production has been for years a fairly important part of the farming operations, the beans being shipped to commission houses to be disposed of largely for seeding purposes. However, the production this year in that territory was greater than the demand for this purpose, hence the recent practical investigation for the purpose of finding other uses and markets for them, resulting in their manufacture into oil and meal.

The soy bean is now the second on the list of China's exports and is well known and highly regarded in Germany and the Scandinavian countries, but it has hitherto achieved small general reputation in the English-speaking countries, and even the latest dictionaries dismiss it with the brief description: "An Asiatic leguminous herb, Glycine Soja, the seeds of which are used to prepare sauce called soy."

Although the Chinese have used the soja bean extensively for at least two thousand years, the first important shipment to Europe was made in 1908, by a British firm. The Germans almost immediately began to experiment with it and five years later were using the major part of an importation estimated at over $200,000,000 a year.

The secret of the soja bean is its universal usefulness. A British government report gives the following list of soja products: "Vegetable food (like marrowfat peas); soups, meat substitute, chocolate substitute, macaroni preparation, flour, artificial milk, cheese, coffee substitute, artificial horn, biscuit and food for diabetic patients, sauce, meal for cattle, oils, oil cake for fodder, fertilizer, beancake."

The same report points out that the oil from the bean is used in the manufacture of the following articles: "dynamite and high explosives; soaps; linoleum; rubber substitute; margarine; paints; varnishes; toilet powder; waterproof cloth; paper umbrellas and lanterns; salad oil; lubricants; lamp oil; preservative for sardines; substitute for lard."

The pod of the soja is about two inches in length and the plant has an erect stem two or three feet high. There are three principal varieties of the bean—yellow or huangton, green or chington, and black or wuton. The yellow contains more nutritive ingredients than the others, and this is the variety almost exclusively used for export. The quantity of oil extracted from the beans runs as high as 19 per cent of the total weight.

Sweden uses large quantities of the bean cake as food for milch cows; Denmark has a large pressing factory at Copenhagen; France has a factory built in Paris by a Chinese firm; and South Africa has recently begun to grow the bean in competition to the Manchurian farmers. Germany in 1912 rescinded her former import duty and installed reduction plants for the Far Eastern vegetable product in all her oil mills, importing the beans directly from Vladivostok by the shipload.

CHARLOTTE GOES FORWARD.

The Charlotte News is quite justified in declaring that Charlotte goes forward. One of the evidences of it is the fact that a total of $1,178,241 was invested in building enterprises in the Queen City during the year just closing. Even that large sum does not take into consideration a half million dollar building nearing completion at First and Church streets. Including that building, the actual active construction which has been going on in Charlotte this year will foot up a value of $1,678,241. That is a gratifying record for Charlotte, and the best part of this evident progress is thus emphasized by The News:

"The best proof offered that the period of hard times brought about by the war in Europe is past is shown in the fact that men are spending their money freely today on buildings and improvements. Fright has taken wings. Confidence is restored and investors are turning loose their funds with a free hand. Here in the South the return of prosperity means infinitely more than it does in any other section of the country, for it is of a more stable nature. Our prosperity of today is not artificial. It is not founded on war orders as is the prosperity of much of the North. Millions have been turned loose in this country by European countries for all sorts of war supplies but very little of this money has been placed in the South. Our returning prosperity, therefore, is of a substantial nature, of a nature which should be maintained right along regardless of the war in Europe. Charlotte has much indeed to be proud of when the closing year is reviewed. The whole face of the map is being changed hereabouts. Railroads are splitting up farms and city blocks. Factories are springing up where once broomsedge held sway. Farm lands near the city are being transformed into magnificently arranged suburban developments. The Charlotte of ten years ago is foreign to the Charlotte of today. The whole geographical layout of the city has been transformed."

It certainly does make Southern prosperity all the more significant when the striking point is made that our prosperity is not founded upon war orders and huge exports of munitions and food supplies for the contending armies of Europe. The depression caused in the South by the first rude alarm of war and the consequent paralysis of our billion dollar cotton industry has given way, so that this resourceful part of our country has resumed a steady, substantial and permanent progress founded upon the richness of its own resources and the vastness of its advantages and possibilities. This is a true foundation that cannot be shaken and but for a time is only susceptible to the evanescent jars to the country's financial and commercial system. When such periods pass, the whole of America settles down upon its solid basis of prosperity and along with it the South falls back upon the always potential factors of her assured progress. By the same rule that "you can't keep a working man down," you can't keep the resourceful South from steadily growing in greatness.

Charlotte is bound to share in that greatness because of her eligibility of location and the special fact that her enterprising men have taken advantage of it to build a great North Carolina city. Charlotte has become a great manufacturing center and it is the hub of the South's cotton milling industry because of the foresight and enterprise of her people. They set the pace for all the rapidly progressing territory within a radius of a hundred miles of Charlotte, in both the Carolinas. The manufacturing spirit in Charlotte has made her a great industrial locality, wherefore it is a city of payrolls and prosperity. It is the city of electrical power transmission in the best portion of the South and it combines numbers of other advantages that are practically matchless anywhere. Charlotte has become a large distributing center because of her location and her railroad facilities linking her up with the North, the South, the East and the West. With a splendid agricultural region all about her, there is another substantial element in the thrift of the Queen City and it really first accounted for that always go-ahead place.

The factory skyline tells the tale for Charlotte, and, while her manufacturing enterprises are large and varied, The News makes it known that other factories are springing up where broomsedge was wont to hold sway. Charlotte is grasping territory on which to spread herself. She is rapidly increasing her industrial enterprises, and, with the opportunities they furnish for employment, she not only holds fast to her own population as it increases but is attracting thousands of others because of her ability to use them in her ambitious purpose of becoming one of the South's greatest cities. Energy, enterprise, earnestness, initiative and intelligence account for Charlotte's marvelous development.

Education makes a man think he knows something. It makes some other man think he knows more than the other man, so he strokes his lofty brow and lets in on what the other fellow thinks he thinks. It is flint and steel, Tray and Towser, Fido and Fice. Education is responsible for arguments and ignorance is responsible for disputes, so what of it if we find ourselves in the trenches or getting busy with "adequate preparedness" against a militaristic psychology that is just as liable to get us swatted as not? A jack rabbit seeks safety in flight. Uncle Sam will seek it in the precaution that we are wont to call "preparedness." We ar enot afraid. We don't care to be scared.

In a few weeks many a man is likely to get busy and imagine that an office is seeking him.

DEMOCRAT FAVORS LITTLE.

(Correspondence of The Star.)

Red Springs, N. C., Dec. 30.—It seems that the number of aspirants for Congress shall be unlimited. We note where Mr. Oscar Clark, of Clarkton, will in all probability be a candidate. Almost every county in the "Bloody Sixth" has a candidate save the State of Robeson, but this does not mean that she is not interested in the coming campaign, neither has any mud to sling at any of the aspirants. Your correspondent after making a careful survey of the situation and considering the merits of all the candidates and viewing them from every angle is convinced that the most meritorious claims for this high honor are those of Joseph W. Little, of New Hanover, and we assert these for several reasons; first, his home county, New Hanover is entitled to representation, Robeson has been represented by Hon. G. B. Patterson, of Maxton; Cumberland by Hon. John G. Shaw, of Fayetteville; Harnett, by the present incumbent, Hon. H. L. Godwin, of Dunn, our present representative, whose record we presume is, or should be, an open book. Mr. Little, who comes from the county of New Hanover, is a young man who, to use the common parlance of the day, has made good. He is a young lawyer of recognized ability, whose habits are fixed and whose executive ability has been tried and been found good. Mr. Little was once a student of the N. C. M. A., of Red Springs, and, although a mere youth, tied around him a bunch of friends who have remained loyal and have increased numerically. They believe him to be for numerous reasons, the logical candidate of the "Bloody Sixth" and will give him their loyal support, believing he will make for himself a record of which all his constituents will be proud. We believe Mr. Godwin's official record can easily be duplicated and we hope our people will pass the mantle on to Joseph W. Little, the gentleman from New Hanover who will make us a representative of whom we shall all be justly proud. A young man who in a few years has thoroughly established himself and has made good and who is thoroughly ingratiated in the hearts and affections of our people, we believe the people of Robeson will maintain their record for selecting the best man by giving to Jos. W. Little their unanimous support in the coming campaign. Believing as we do, knowing Mr. Little that he will make us a representative of whom we shall be proud, allowing nothing for the good of his district to slip between his fingers, we say "Everybody for Little," the man of the people, for the people and who will be elected by the people.

DEMOCRAT.

CURRENT COMMENT.

If the time has come in this State when a candidate cannot hope to land an office unless he has the backing of the Anti-Saloon League now is a good time for the party to find it out.—Durham Herald.

Mr. George P. Cotchett, speaking for Wilmington, is after the laboratory for experimental work which is to be erected for Thomas A. Edison. Wilmington proposes to do all it can to catch it.—Raleigh News and Observer.

Lewis Penwell, a Northern Pacific farmer, is bringing his oats crop to market and consequently the Oregon Short Line is getting some business from Dillon, in Beaver Head county, up to Butte, and the Northern Pacific is getting 4,000,000 pounds of tonnage for a 1,128-mile haul from Butte to Minneapolis. Mr. Penwell is one of the farmers that cut some figure with a railroad. Mr. Penwell operates 16,000 acres, but it is mostly sheep land. For seven years, however, he has cultivated 1,200 to 1,800 acres. His plan is alternative, oats one year and alfalfa the next. In these seven years he has averaged 70 bushels of oats to the acre and the average weight has been 44 pounds to the bushel, running from 42 to 46 pounds. This year Mr. Penwell has 100,000 bushels from his land. He sold the whole crop to the Gould Grain Company, Minneapolis, and got about $45,000 for the crop. The Northern Pacific's capacity cars will load close up to 2,000 bushels of oats, so that Mr. Penwell's oats crop will mean a long haul on 50 cars. But Mr. Penwell also is a sheep, wool, and to a slight extent, a cattle shipper. He is a pretty good farmer for a railroad to have as a patron. Sheep were sold recently off the Penwell ranch at $9 a head, against former high record $2 a head lower. Wool that last year would have brought 20 cents is bringing 30 now. Mr. Penwell said that immigration into Montana is not of the "inrush" character but rather of the steady daily arrival kind, and that small farmers who are stayers are rapidly taking up new land.—Wall Street News.

The logic of events points unmistakably to the justification of Congressman Small, the scarred veteran of the inland waterway fight. The problem that is occupying the minds of the people of the United States just now almost to the exclusion of all other matters of public policy is how to make adequate preparations for national defense without risking national bankruptcy. Obviously anything that tends to increase the efficiency of the fighting force we already have tends to reduce the expenditure that will be necessary to bring that force up to the ideal standard. Small has been dinning that idea in the ears of deaf Congresses for lo, these many years. An inland waterway from Massachusetts to Florida would mean as much to the United States in case of threatened invasion as the Kiel canal does to Germany. Without that canal England would long since have been in the Baltic and all the ports of Germany would have been hermetically sealed. The war would have been, if not over, at least farther along in the Allies' favor than it is at present. Germany's great fleet would not have had even the value that it possesses now. But aside from the vastly increased mobility that would accrue to the fleet, consider the importance of such a waterway to our coastwise traffic. What merchant marine the United States possesses consists of coastwise vessels. An enemy cruiser or two hanging around off the Virginia capes would soon paralyze that. With the inland waterway in existence the enemy would have to invent a cruiser capable of mounting out of the waves and walking across the banks to reach that traffic. By concentrating our coast defenses around the comparatively few inlets the problem of fortifying our vast coast line would be infinitely simplified.—Greensboro News.

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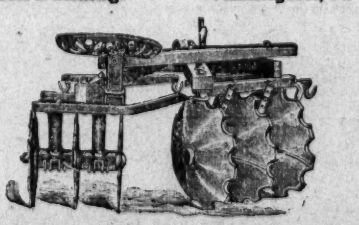

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NATURAL EDUCATION SCHOOL

Mrs. Stoner Will Assist New Teachers in Equipping Institution—Public Lecture Monday.

The Wilmington Natural Education school will re-open on January 4. Only a limited number of children will be admitted to the school but there will be large training classes for teachers and parents. The school will be under the direction of Miss Ruth Shaw, who has arranged to remain in Wilmington, while Miss Margaret Peirce, organizer of this school, goes to Columbia University for special courses.

The training classes will be under the direction of Miss M. O. Hays, of New York city, who has worked with Mrs. Stoner for the past five years and who travelled with her during her recent wonderful lecture tour from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Mrs. Stoner, who had expected to leave on another lecture tour right after Christmas, will remain in Wilmington until February and will assist Misses Shaw and Hays in equipping the school, so that teachers from all parts of the United States may come to this city for training. Natural education is spreading with such rapidity all over the country that Mrs. Stoner is eager to see Wilmington shine as an educational center. One of the teachers trained in Wilmington will likely go to the court of England as the English Queen has made a special request to have demonstrations of this method of training in her court. Mrs. Stoner will probably go to England within a few months to give demonstrations and declares that she is eager to see a Dixie Land girl have a court position.

Miss Hays, who has a wide reputation as an author and lecturer ,according to Mrs. Stoner, is the best equipped teacher of Natural Education principles for giving instructions along these lines. She will give instruction in music, according to the Dunning system.

All interested in seeing a demonstration of "What is Natural Education," are cordially invited to hear Mrs. Stoner at the Boys' Brigade armory next Monday night at 8:30 o'clock. She will show how easily children acquire foreign languages and learn important facts through jingles and the use of the typewriter. Children in the audience, who have never talked with Mrs. Stoner, will be invited to take part in this demonstration. Miss Hays will show what can be done with children through rhythmic exercises and all parents who wish to ask questions concerning educational matters and child training will be free to present any questions to the founder of natural education.

FOURTEEN GET HONOR

Bell Telephone Company Shows Appreciation for Long Service.

Fourteen of the employes in the local office of the Bell Telephone Company will receive gold buttons in token of appreciation of long service. The buttons are given according to the length of the term of service. Buttons of a certain type are given to those who have served more than five years, another type for those who have served over ten years, and so on for every five years.

The employes in the local office who will get tokens for extra long term service are Mr. S. D. Lucas, superintendent of the Wilmington district; Mr. K. W. Howze, Miss Fannie Spencer and Alonzo Malette, the janitor.

This custom was statred some years ago by First Vice President J. Appes Brown. The person having the longest term of service is President W. T. Gentry, who term is forty years. There will be more than 3,000 of these buttons presented to Bell employes in the South.

BASKETBALL AT Y. M. C. A.

Two Interesting Games Scheduled to Take Place Tonight.

The second Friday night games of the Y. M. C. A. Commercial basketball league will be played tonight. The game between the two teams, which are now tied for first place, starts at 8:40 o'clock. This will be between Elvington & Mintz, captained by William Walker, Jr., and the City Laundry, with Milton Justice captain. This promises to be an exhibition of real basketball as both teams are very evenly matched, both as to skill and star players.

The second game between the National Woolen Mills, with LeGwin leading, will run up against the defense of the Hardware Men with K. N. Davis as their leader. This also promises to be a spectacular game because it will be definitely decided who shall retain the cellar position since both at present have lost one game and won nothing. The public is cordially invited.

NO TRUTH IN RUMOR

Satanet Will Continue to Have Headquarters at Norfolk, Va.

Mr. F. W. Garrett, of this city, member of the firm of Garrett Brothers & Co., manufacturers of the much advertised drink Satanet, with headquarters at Norfolk, Va., denied last night that there is any truth to the rumor afloat that it is the itnention of the company to make Wilmington their headquarters. The company has a branch plant in Wilmington which is in charge of Mr. Garrett.

ARM BROKEN YESTERDAY

Master Palmer Dowdy Fell While Skating Near His Home.

Master Palmer Dowdy, who holds a position in the mailing room of The Evening Dispatch, suffered a broken arm when he fell near his home. Ninth and Orange streets, yesterday morning while skating. Dr. G. H. Croom was called, and the bone was set. Master Dowdy is about 15 years of age and is popular among his fellow employes on The Dispatch and among many other friends.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Frying Pan Shoals Light Vessel Returned to Station.

The current issue of the weekly Notice to Mariners contains the following with reference to change in aids to shipping along the North Carolina coast:

"Frying Pan Shoals—Frying Pan Shoals Light Vessel returned to station, December 20, and Relief Light Vessel withdrawn."

Transfer of Real Estate.

The following deeds were recorded yesterday at the office of Register of Deeds: W. T. Weaver and wife to Samuel T. Weaver, for $100 and other considerations, a lot on North Fourth streets 52.4 feet north of Meares, 35.7 by 151.5 feet in size; Hugh MacRae and Company to Mrs. Julia A. Booker, for $10 and other considerations, lot No. 524, Audubon subdivision.

PAYING-UP FOR CORN SHOW

Committee Very Much Encouraged Over Prompt Responses—Some Yet to Settle.

Promptness in settling the portion of the amount pledged for the Corn and Agricultural Show, which has been very satisfactory to the finance committee up to the present, is another evidence of the splendid co-operative spirit manifest in Wilmington in regard to this successful undertaking.

Following up the request for 30 per cent of the amount pledged to meet the outstanding obligations, the chairman of the committee, Col. J. VanB. Metts, was asked yesterday for a statement as to how this feature of the undertaking was progressing and spoke in no uncertain and pleasing terms of the promptness with which many had responded, but stated that there are a number yet whom he has not heard from. However, he expected to receive their remittances within the next few days.

A summary of the financial condition with reference to pledges, shows that those that pledged $50 had paid over their proportion; that only three who pledged $25 had failed to respond, with the same number for $15 pledges; 16 who pledged $10 have not been heard from and 42 who pledged $5.00 were yet to send in their part. This is rather a remarkable showing when it is considered that practically every business firm in Wilmington expressed their willingness to help out on the proposition. When the balance is received and all outstanding obligations settled, which will doubtless be within the next week or so, work will begin on the organization for next year, which will be in working order long before the time for the 1916 show.

It is believed that even greater interest will be manifested next year and that the agricultural display will be much larger, as the prize list will be sent out several months in advance, which will give the farmers a much better opportunity to prepare products to enter at the show.

SIXTY DAYS FOR LARCENY.

Several Paid Costs in the Recorder's Court Yesterday.

James Williams, colored, who was sent over yesterday from Justice Harriss' court on a charge of larceny, was convicted in the Recorder's court and sentenced to 60 days on the county roads. The sentence was first made 90 days and notice of appeal was made, which was later withdrawn when the sentence was changed to 60 days.

Robert Barnhill, colored, was tried on a charge of larceny by trick, it being alleged that he secured $2 from Mr. Chas. Finkelstein, the pawnbroker, through false pretense. Judgment will be pronounced today.

Buddie Gradie, colored, charged with an assault, will get another hearing today. Julia Jones, colored, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was found not guilty. Minerva Jones, colored, was found not guilty of a similar offense.

Frank Cumber, colored, faced Recorder Empie yesterday for an offense his brother, Will Cumber, is alleged to have committed. Some time ago, it was alleged, one of the Cumber negroes assaulted another negro with a stick. The fellow was not so sure which one of the boys, but thought it must have been Frank. He immediately went to the police station and swore out a warrant for Frank Cumber, charging him with an assault with deadly weapon. The police got hold of Frank Wednesday and recognized him for appearance before the Recorder yesterday. The evidence was pretty strong against the Cumber negro, but Frank proved that he was not the one wanted, so the warrant has been changed and the police are now on the lookout for Will Cumber.

Iredell Rushing, white, an employe of the Delgado Cotton Mill, was tried yesterday on a charge of assaulting a female. He was recognized in the sum of $50 for his appearance before the Recorder today.

Sam Reaves, colored, paid the costs for having committed an assault.

WANTS TO MEET HANSON.

Herbert Hartley, of Utica, N. Y., Noticed Swede's Rep. in Gazette.

Stating that he had noticed in a recent issue of the New York Police Gazette that Fritz Hanson, of Wilmington, N. C., is recognized as one of the best wrestlers in the country at the weight of 150 pounds, Herbert Hartley, of Utica, N. Y., writes The Morning Star that he is challenging the popular Swede for a match here, both men to weigh in at the ring at not more than 150 pounds, for a catch-as-catch-can bout, the winner to take all gate receipts.

Hartley claims to hold the welterweight belt of Europe and has quite a bit of nerve to promise to come down here and wrestle Hanson, weighing no more than 150 pounds. Such a match is full of promise of something interesting to Wilmington fans.

COLORED CHURCH BURNED.

St. John's A. M. E. House of Worship on Topsail Sound Total Loss.

Shortly after the night service at the church Sunday which had been conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Brown, St. John's A. M. E. church on Topsail Sound was burned to the ground. The total loss was approximately $1,000 with no insurance.

The colored people of that community will immediately take steps to have a new church erected. Rev. W. Henry Capehart, D. D., presiding elder of the Fayetteville district of the A. M. E. church, who lives in Wilmington, will assist the congregation in securing funds.

FRANK SCHMIDT VS. MONTANA

Two Men of Rough Tactics to Meet Tonight at Woolvin Hall.

Frank Schmidt, a German wrestler, has been secured to meet Bull Montana at Woolvin Hall tonight instead of Fritz Hanson, on account of a mushroom boil that has recently developed on Hanson's right hand.

Hanson held out to the last that he could make the match, but his friends objected and didn't want to see him do himself an injustice.

Both Montana and Schmidt are wrestlers of the Varga type, Schmidt having recently given the burly Hungarian a match in Norfolk. Montana has already arrived in the city. He has a neck something after the style of Varga and a reputation for liking to "rough it."

The match will begin at 8:30 this evening at Woolvin Hall and a large crowd is expected to be in attendance.

The indifferent man in religion soon becomes skeptical.

MAKE NO CHANGE IN HOURS

Traffic Committee of Chamber of Commerce Considers the Later Closing of Freight Warehouses.

While the majority of the members of the Traffic Committee of the Chamber of Commerce felt that, if it were possible, it would be better to close the freight warehouses here for the reception of freight for shipment at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon instead of 4 o'clock, the local agents of both the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line declared that it would be impossible to maintain the efficient handling of freight by following such a course, and the committee, therefore, recommended that no change be made, after having gone into the matter at length at a meeting yesterday afternoon.

One of the important reasons for closing the freight warehouses at 4 o'clock for the reception of freight for shipment is in order to make up package cars for junction points to go out on the through freights at night, thus enabling the shipments to be delivered at distant points the following morning. The warehouses are kept open until 5 o'clock for receiving freight but the consignments received after 4 o'clock are not dispatched until the following day.

Mr. M. J. Corbett, the newly elected chairman of the committee, presided at the hearing yesterday afternoon. The other members of the committee in attendance were Messrs. H. E. Boney, J. G. McCormick, M. W. Jacobi and John R. Murchison.

Mr. W. W. Love, who brought the question of a later closing of the warehouses before the Chamber of few weeks ago, was asked to state what complaint he had to make regarding the present hours. He stated that he considered that Wilmington should be placed on a par with other cities as to closing hours and called attention to the fact that the early closing made drayage cost more. He recognized the value to merchants doing business at a distance but thought it worked a hardship on those whose business was within a restricted area.

Mr. J. S. Funchess urged that something be done for those having perishable goods to ship. When the trains arrived late, as they frequently do, he stated that it was impossible to fill the orders the same day because of the shortness of time. He didn't want to work a hardship on the railroads or on anybody else but felt he should have some relief. Practically all perishable goods go to local points, he stated, and he thought that if a later closing of the warehouses was not expedient that an exception might be made for goods of this character.

Mr. J. A. Taylor declared that, while he recognized the fact that a later closing would be an advantage, if it could be done and get the freight off the same day, he also realized that it was simply a question of what is best for the majority. If the hour could be extended to 4:30 and get the same results as now, then he would favor that but he had been assured by both Mr. A. J. Moore, of the A. C. L., and Mr. Henry Whyte, of the S. A. L., that this could not be done and for that reason had advocated that the present hours be maintained.

Others who discussed the proposition included Messrs. M. W. Jacobi, J. B. Rice, J. G. McCormick, H. E. Boney and J. R. Murchison. All were of the opinion that it would be better to close at 4:30, if that were possible.

Mr. Henry Whyte, local agent of the Seaboard Air Line, stated that at 4 o'clock there were always from 10 to 15 wagons at the warehouses with freight to be unloaded and that it usually took until 4:30 o'clock to get these shipments in the warehouse. If the hour were extended to 4:30 o'clock then it would be 5 o'clock before all the shipments were in. As the through freight on the Seaboard had to leave Navassa at 7:15 in order to get to Hamlet in time to make connections, it was manifestly impossible to extend the time any later.

Mr. A. J. Moore, local agent of the Atlantic Coast Line, declared that it had been the object of the railroads to co-operate with the shippers in every way possible and that the present hours had been decided upon only after long and careful consideration. The desired result had been accomplished. The filing of claims had decreased 80 per cent, while the tracing of shipments had decreased 75 per cent. The extension of hours for special or local shipments would jeopardize the whole system, he declared.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET

Committee Planning an Elaborate Affair for Early January.

A committee composed of Messrs. E. T. Taylor, chairman; W. P. Emerson, J. W. Yates, W. A. Dick, T. H. Wright, J. W. Murchison and George Honnet, are planning for an elaborate banquet to be given in the handsome dining room of The Orton hotel by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce early in January.

While this is not the regular annual banquet, of the Chamber, it will be one of the most elaborate social affairs of the year given by this organization of Wilmington business men. The committee has arranged to have present a number of speakers.

MORNING SUNRISE SERVICE

Union Service for Brooklyn Churches at St. Andrew's Tomorrow.

The pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church extends an invitation to all who will come to attend the New Year Morning sunrise service at 7:30 o'clock. This service has been held for years at this church instead of a Watch Night service. It is now a union service participated in by all the churches in Brooklyn and the pastors of these churches will take part in the services. It will be held Saturday, January 1, 1916, in Memorial Hall.

STEAMER SAILED FOR CHILE

Cargo of Alabama Pig Iron Exported Here Yesterday.

The American steamer Bantu sailed yesterday from the S. A. L. terminals via New York for Valparaiso, Chile, South America, with a cargo of 1,706,800 pounds of pig iron, exported by the United States Steels Products Company, of Bessemer, Ala.

The Bantu arrived here several days ago, having been delayed by the slide in the Culebra Cut, Panama Canal, and will go on to New York to complete the cargo before sailing for the South American port, probably using the Panama Canal on the return trip.

—Sheriff Cowan announces that the time for paying taxes to the county has expired and that on and after January 10th the costs will be added. All interested are requested to call and settle, thus avoiding penalties.

Monday, January 3rd

Begins OUR NEXT REGULAR INTEREST PERIOD, and the deposits made with this bank on or before that day will receive credit for interest from JANUARY 1ST. Interest on these deposits is payable exactly Three Months from January 1st.

Every courtesy and attention awaits the small and large depositors at this bank, and we will be pleased to have you begin the New Year with a deposit in the "People's."

4 % Interest, Compounded Quarterly, paid on all accounts of $5.00 and over.

"OLD AND STRONG"

The Peoples Savings Bank

Corner Front and Princess Streets

HIGH SCHOOL IS THE WINNER

Brigade Basketball Team Was "Asleep" Students Played Fast Ball. Score was 30 to 18.

The Wilmington High School took the basketball game from the Boys' Brigade last night with a rush, the score being 30 to 18. The Brigade team seemed not to have any life for the greater part of the game, and it may be that they were too confident of winning, having older and more experienced players than the High School. And as a matter of fact, the Brigade team ought to have won if experience and practice count for anything, but the High School fellows went after the game with a pep and determination that brought it their way.

For a few minutes in the second half, especially, the High School used such fast team work and sure throwing that they caged the ball three or four times before the Brigade could get it for a few seconds.

The first half ended 10 to 6 in favor of the High School and was more even than the last half. Captain "Ike" Silverman starred for the Highs, playing a fast game all the way through and getting five field goals himself. The big center, Irving Davis, and Monroe and Griffith each caged the ball three times, while Monroe, Hall and King all played a good game at guard.

Bornemann starred for the Brigade, with five field goals to his credit. The other players could not get in the goal throwing at all. Davis, Dixon and Captain Register each secured one, while Snakenburg, at guard, also caged the ball one time.

The game was generally fast and interesting. The Brigade wants another game, and one may be arranged at an early date.

MAKING FINE PROGRESS ON COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

Mr. Fred Brown, of Red Springs, Talks About Robeson Politics.

Mr. Fred Brown, of Red Springs, who spent yesterday in the city on business, reports that the movement for the endowment of the Flora McDonald College at Red Springs is well under way. The slogan adopted is "Flora McDonald and a half million." Dr. C. G. Vardell, president of the college, is a tireless worker, Mr. Brown states, and has completely won the love and esteem of all the "God blessed Macks" around Red Springs. Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, of Wilmington, is a member of the advisory board of the institution.

Mr. Brown is always interested in politics and talked interestingly of the prospects of the different candidates for Congress from the Sixth district. He is of the opinion that Godwin, Nimocks and Little are in the lead in his section. Mr. Brown is an ardent admirer of Hon. A. W. McLean, of Lumberton, North Carolina's representative on the Democratic National committee, who suggested the design, "America First," for the National campaign button, and Mr. Brown declares that he may yet be a member of President Wilson's cabinet.

Mr. Brown stated that Robeson will in all probability name Mayor A. E. White, of Lumberton, for the Senate and Messrs. D. P. McLeod, of Red Springs, and J. S. Oliver, of Marietta, as members of the lower house of the General Assembly. He thinks that this would make a good fighting team for Democracy.

Ever since the time the famous telegram, "Hold Robeson and save the State," Robeson politics have been of great interest to North Carolinans.

RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS SOON.

Will Take Up Thread Where Left Off. Teachers Returning from Trips.

Active preparations are being made to re-open the schools of the city and county next Monday. The holiday spirit is getting away and the preparations for taking up the thread of work, where it was left off on December 22nd, is furnishing about as much excitement and pleasure as did the turning out. Teachers are returning from their various homes where they went to spend the holidays with relatives and the trustees are having the buildings renovated for the spring term of work.

It is usually the case that the spring term opens with an increased enrollment and such is the expectation this year. The buildings are undergoing renovation during the holidays. The floors are being oiled, the windows cleaned, the desks scrubbed, etc.

Superintendent John J. Blair, of the city schools, is expected to return tomorrow from High Point, where he went to spend the holidays with relatives, and Mr. O. A. Hamilton, principal of the Hemenway school, who visited in Monroe, has already returned.

Accompanied by Mr. J. J. Loughlin, Prof. Washington Catlett, county superintendent of public instruction, went to Carolina Beach yesterday to confer with the people of that district relative to re-opening the school the first of January. He found them enthusiastically in favor of having a school and readily secured a pledge of at least 12 pupils, the number designated by the Board of Education as the condition upon which the school would be re-opened, and it is expected that immediate arrangements will be made for having a school in that district. It was closed early in the fall because of a lack of patronage.

A happy New Year to our friends and patrons. We will be closed all day Friday instead of Saturday to take stock. Will appreciate our customers helping us by holding their Friday orders until Saturday morning. People's Supply Co. de 29-3t

NOTICE.

The next regular meeting of the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners will be held at Salisbury, N. C., beginning promptly at 9:00 o'clock on Thursday morning, January 13th, 1916. For further information and application blanks, address the secretary.

F. L. HUNT, Sec'y,
Asheville, N. C.

NO WORD OF LIEUT. MARBURG.

Family Awaiting News of Young Soldier Wounded in France.

Further information is being anxiously awaited by members of the family of Theodore Marburg as to the condition of Mr. Marburg's son, Lieut. Theodore Marburg, Jr., a member of the Aviation corps of the British army, who was hurt somewhere in the war zone in France a few weeks ago, according to the Baltimore Sun of yesterday.

A cablegram from Mr. Marburg Monday night stating that the condition of Lieutenant Marburg was not so favorable was the last received in Baltimore. The members of the family and relatives in Wilmington are hoping for more cheerful news.

New Steward at The Orton.

Mr. C. L. Boyte, formerly steward and assistant manager of the Mountain Park Hotel at Hot Springs, N. C., has arrived in the city to take the position of steward at The Orton hotel. Mr. Boyte was accompanied by Mrs. Boyte and they expect to reside in this city permanently.

What we believe is truth to us, else we would never believe it.

January 3rd, 1916

This bank will be closed January 1st and 2nd, but deposits made with us on Monday, January 3rd, will bear interest from January 1 st.

We hope you will start the New Year right by opening a savings account with this company,—the oldest and largest North Carolina Savings Bank.

Capital and Surplus $400,000.00
Resources $2,500,000.00

The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company

1887 110 Princess Street 1915

Clean Up Sale

Winter Feathers, Ornaments, Hats

Everything of the old Stock Millinery must be sold. We absolutely refuse to carry any of these goods over. Sale starts Thursday, Dec. 30th, and lasts until all are sold. We have them arranged on tables at the following prices:

FANCY FEATHERS.
Quite a lot are This Season's Goods. All colors and blacks. Worth from 25c to $2.00 each. Our Clean Up Prices **5c, 9c, 15c, 23c and 39c**

FRENCH PLUMES
$5.00 French Plumes, all colors, at **$2.50**
$3.50 French Plumes, all colors, at **$1.75**
$2.50 French Plumes, all colors, at **$1.25**
$1.50 French Tips, all colors, at . . **75c**

PLAIN AND FANCY RIBBONS
10c Plain Ribbons, 1 to 4 in. wide, at **5c**
15c Plain and Fancy Ribbons, at . . **8c**
25c Plain and Fancy Ribbons, at . **14c**
35c Plain and Fancy Ribbons, at . . **19c**
50c Plain and Fancy Ribbons, at . . **25c**

GOLD AND SILVER ORNAMENTS HALF PRICE
These are all This Season's Goods, and are some of the Season's Most Popular Millinery Novelties. Our Clean Up Price, Just One Half.

TRIMMED HATS AT 98c
Ladies' Trimmed Hats, assorted colors and shapes; mostly trimmed in our own work rooms; values up to $3.00. Clean up price **98c**
$1.00, $1.50 and $2.00 Ready Trimmed Hats at **69c**
All Best Trimmed Hats, Half Price and Less.

$1.00 TO $2.00 VELVET SHAPES, 39c
These are all colors, no blacks, and are in both Sailor and Novelty Shapes; values up to $2.00; our Clean Up Price, only **39c**

$1.50 WHITE SATIN SAILORS, 39c.
Soft crowns; stiff brims, with soft edge; trims up beautifully and is an extraordinary looking Hat, even at $1.50; our Clean Up Price **39c**
White and Pink Velvet Sailors, at . . **98c**
Worth $1.50, $2.00 and $3.00

We Must Clean Up Before Spring, Millinery Comes In.

Belk-Williams Co.

210-212 NORTH FRONT STREET

If you want a Hat, the Price Will Suit You.

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Miss Mildred Hall, of Raleigh, is visiting Miss Elizabeth Berry, No. 401 Market street.

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Mrs. Davis McCullum, of Clarkton, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

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Miss Daisy Moore and Mr. W. B. Moore, of Rose Hill, were in the city yesterday, guests at Hotel Wilmington.

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Mrs. Annie Smith, of Whiteville, N. C., has returned home after spending several days visiting relatives in the city.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Freeman have returned to their home in the city after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. James Freeman, of Sylvania, Ga.

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Mrs. Sig. Wallace and twin daughters, Frances and Henrietta, of Statesville, N. C., are visiting Mrs. S. A. Schloss, No. 212 North Fourth street.

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After spending the holidays with his grandmother, Mrs. Maria Fosgate, Cadet W. H. C. Reinburg has returned to the National Military Academy, at West Point, N. Y.

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The friends of Mrs. Margaret Lewis will be sorry to learn that she is seriously ill at her home, No. 102 South Second street, and will hope for her early recovery.

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The Regular Christmas entertainment of Calvary Baptist Sunday school will be held at the church this evening at 8 o'clock. A pleasing programme has been arranged and a good attendance is expected.

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Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, and Mrs. Sullivan will receive at the pastorial today from 4 to 11 o'clock p. m., the occasion being the anniversary that marks the fourth year of the present pastorate.

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Mrs. A. Abrams and Mrs. S. Ketzoss, of Manning, S. C., and Mrs. David Silverman and Miss Goldstein, of Kingstree, S. C., are spending some time with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Goldstein and sister, Mrs. Max Warshauer.

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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kelley, who were married on Christmas day in Columbia, S. C., arrived in Wilmington yesterday and will make their home at Carolina Place. Mrs. Kelley before her marriage was Miss Ella Ware Parham.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Henning, of Greensboro, are guests at The Orton. Mr. Henning has an extensive contract for road engineering in Brunswick county, and he and Mrs. Henning will make their home at The Orton for several weeks.

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Mrs. J. E. Platt entertained a party of young people at her home on Wrightsville Avenue last evening. The home was attractively decorated in Christmas colors, which was carried out in the delicious refreshments that were served. Before leaving the party voted Mrs. Platt a most charming hostess.

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Yesterday's Clarkton Journal: "Mr. Samuel T. Meares and Misses Laura E. Meares and Mary Green spent Monday and Tuesday in Wilmington—Miss Mary Green has returned to her home in Lillington, after a week's visit to Miss Laura E. Meares.—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kelly and little son, Robert, of Wilmington, spent the week-end with relatives here."

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A Watch Night service will be held this evening at Trinity Methodist church under the auspices o fthe Union Epworth League of the city. The services will begin at 10 o'clock and will consist of a programme of musical numbers, a debate and devotional services, with which the New Year will be welcomed in. All young people are cordially invited to attend.

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A delightful Christmas entertainment was given Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Hines, on South Fourth street. The hours were joyfully whiled away with the service away with the service of refreshments and indulgence in novel games. Those in attendance were Misses Rebekah Green, Louise Holmes, Bessie Walker, Jennie Burnett, Mary E. Cameron, Georgia Green, Ida Bell Burnett and Messrs. Robert Burnett, Charles Burnett, "Happy" Register, Ray Troy, David Holmes, Richard Burnett and Mrs. Ed Register.

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Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 30.—Mr. A. Brooks left here Friday night for Newark, N. J., where on January 2nd he will be married to Miss Mary Ellis, of that city. After an extended tour of Northern cities, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks will be at home in this city.——Mr. Spencer Boyette, of Wilmington, spent the Christmas holidays at the home of his father, Mr. Hiram Boyette, near town.——Miss Nancy Sandlin, of Wilmington, was the guest of her parents in this city for the Christmas season.——Mrs. Henry Boyette and Master Alec. McAlister visiter in Wilmington the past week.

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MISS MARY ALICE MALLOY IS BRIDE OF REV. J. E. BERRYHILL

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 30.—At the First Presbyterian church of this city, at 11:30 o'clock this morning, Miss Mary Alice Malloy, one of the most charming and popular young women of Parkton and Fayetteville, was united in marriage to Rev. J. E. Berryhill, of King's Mountain, pastor of several Presbyterian churches near that town. He was for several years the popular pastor of the Presbyterians at Parkton and Lumber Bridge. Rev. W. M. Fairley, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Berryhill left on the noon train for their new home at King's Mountain, going by way of Greensboro.

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CHRISTMAS TREE GIVEN AT AIRLEE-ON-THE-SOUND

A special suburban car left Front and Princess streets yesterday at 1:30 o'clock loaded to capacity with children headed for Airlee-on-the-Sound, the magnificent winter estate of Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones, of New York, who always give an annual Christmas tree for the entertainment and enjoyment of the children of Wilmington.

Mr and Mrs. Jones, as they have done many times before, proved themselves most charming entertainers. The large Christmas tree was placed in the spacious indoor tennis court, being profusely decorated and beautifully lighted. Hundreds of presents were on the tree, being enough to go around the entire assembly, and to make many glad hearts.

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SHERIFF N. HECTOR M'GEACHY WEDS MISS KATE M'ARTHUR

Richmond, Va., Dec. 30.—Major N. Hector McGeachy, sheriff of Cumberland county, N. C., and Miss Kate McArthur, both of Fayetteville, were married this afternoon at 2:30 at the Richmond hotel, Rev. Dr. Cecil, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, officiating. Hon. John G. Shaw, of Fayetteville, was present. The announcement of the marriage will doubtless bring surprise to their many friends in North Carolina.

Major McGeachy has been sheriff of Cumberland county since 1910 and is one of the most popular of the younger men of the upper Cape Fear section. He is a native of Robeson county. His bride is a daughter of Mrs. M. C. McArthur, of Fayetteville, and the late Alexander McArthur, a member of one of the most prominent families of Fayetteville.

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DELIGHTFUL AFTERNOON TEA WAS GIVEN BY MISS DAVIS

At the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Davis, No. 109 Church street, Miss Edna C. Davis delightfully entertained a number of her friends Wednesday afternoon in honor of Miss Thelma Brooks, who is home from school for the holidays. Progressive five hundred was played during the afternoon. The highest score was made by Miss Hattie King, who was awarded a handsome pair of silver hat pins. The "booby" was presented to Miss Thelma Brooks. Several vocal selections were rendered, much to the pleasure of tnose present, by Miss Marie Rehder and Mrs. O. C. Fillyaw, after which the guests repaired to the dining room where delicious refreshments was served.

Those present were: Mrs. Shoemaker, Mrs. Norwood Orrell, Misses Eunice Tucker, Marie Rehder, Hattie and Katherine King, Lillian McEachern, Lucile Page, Thelma Brooks and Mrs. O. C. Fillyaw.

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MISS CORA LOU BUTT IS BRIDE OF MR. B. H. LEWIS

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 30.—Miss Cora Lou Butt, of Marion, daughter of Dr. V. R. Butt and the late Mrs. Butt, was united in marriage Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in the parlors of the Langren hotel with Bruce H. Lewis, of Liberty, N. C. Rev. Dr. Calvin B. Waller was the officiating minister.

The wedding was a surprise to the many friends of the bride and groom and was attended by a few close friends and relatives only. John Nichols, of Raleigh, was Mr. Lewis' best man. Mrs. Lewis was modishly gowned in a suit of blue broadcloth. Present at the ceremony were Miss Eloise Nichols, of Asheville, and Harry Howell, superintendent of the Asheville schools. The bride has many friends in this section of the State and the groom is well known in educational circles, being principal of the city schools of Liberty. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are spending their honeymoon in Asheville, guests at the Langren hotel. They will reside in Liberty, N. C.

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JOINT SOCIAL GIVEN LAST EVENING BY TWO ASSOCIATIONS

The joint social last evening given by the social committees of the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. in the association building of the former on North Fourth street was an enjoyable affair and attended by many.

The many guests arriving were met at the door by members of the social committee from each association and ushered into the gymnasium building where an interesting programme was entertainingly rendered. Music was furnished by the High school orchestra. The gymnasium hall was tastefully decorated in bamboo, holly and pine. Delicious punch was served by members of the Y. W. C. A. social committee, of which Miss Wilhelmena Harlow is chairman.

A beautiful and well executed feature of the programme wast he Greek costume drill by seven pretty girls who are members of the gymnasium class. They were: Misses Gladys and Irene Price, Muriel Powers, Margaret Schulken, Carolyn Northrop, Rosalie Badon and Marie Bonitz. They all wore Greek costumes and carried garlands of roses.

The grand march was lead by Miss Julia Post and Mr. J. P. Seitter, and was participated in by a great number of those present, during which dainty favors were handed out.

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DR. EDSON WORTH CARR WEDS MISS RACHEL LINTON LEARY.

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 30.—Witnessed by a large number of friends, completely filling the building, the marriage of Miss Rachel Linton Leary to Dr. Edson Worth Carr was solemnized at St. Timothy's Episcopal church at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Rev. C. A. Ashby, of Elizabeth City, officiating.

The attendants were Misses Eugenia Atkinson, Greensboro; Janet Smith, Durham; Almeda Carr, Elizabeth City; Ruth Leary, Wilson; Messrs. Carroll Atkinson, Greensboro; Leon Applewhite, Wilson; Dr. M. M. Saliba, Wilson, and Ray Bond, Greensboro.

The bride, the attractive daughter of Mrs. S. L. Leary, wore a handsome traveling suit and carried bride's roses as she entered the church on the arm of her brother, Mr. Kent Leary. The groom was attended by his uncle, Mr. W. A. Worth, of Elizabeth City.

Immediately following the ceremony the bridal party was given a reception at the home of the bride's mother and later left for Elizabeth City, the former home of the groom, where they will spend a few days.

The groom is a physician and connected with the International College of Chicago and will take his bride to that city for their future home.

A happy New Year to our friends and patrons. We will be closed all day Friday instead of Saturday to take stock. Will appreciate our customers helping us by holding their Friday orders until Saturday morning. People's Supply Co. de 29-3t

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DIED AT HOME IN BALTIMORE

Mr. H. D. Thompson, Sr., Well Known Railroad Man, Passes Away. Native of Wilmington.

Many friends in Wilmington were shocked yesterday to learn of the death of Mr. Herbert Dalton Thompson, Sr., a native of Wilmington, but for many years a resident of Baltimore, Md., which occurred yesterday morning at his home in that city following a short illness of pneumonia. Mr. Thompson served for many years as treasurer of the Northern Central Railroad and following the absorption of this road by the Pennsylvania system about a year ago, he was given a similar position with the latter road.

He was a son of the late John W. Thompson, of this city, for many years treasurer of the Atlantic Coast Line. Early in life he went to Baltimore and went to work for the Northern Central railroad, continuing with this road until his death.

Mr. Thompson married Miss Celia Covington, sister of Mr. C. C. Covington, who, with four children, survives him. The children are Mr. H. D. Thompson, Jr., of Wilmington; Mr. Edwin C. Thompson, Miss Nora Thompson and Mrs. Warren Stuart, all of Baltimore. Surviving also are his mother, Mrs. John W. Thompson, of Charlotte; two sisters, Mrs. James Oates and Mrs. H. A. Murrell, also of Charlotte, and four brothers as follows: Mr. O. G. Thompson, of Charlotte; Mr. Eugene Thompson, of Alabama, and Messrs. Clarence and Percy Thompson, who are living in the West. The members of the family will have the sympathy of many friends in Wilmington.

All of the members of the immediate family were present when the end came. Mr. H. D. Thompson, Jr., of this city, who is associated with the C. C. Covington Company, molasses importers, went to Baltimore about ten days ago to spend his Christmas vacation.

Mr. C. C. Covington received a telegram early yesterday morning informing him of the death of Mr. Thompson and later received a message stating that the funeral would be in Rockingham today. The interment will be in the Leak cemetery at that place, where most of the members of Mr. Thompson's family are buried.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Covington and possibly others will leave this morning for Rockingham to attend the funeral.

Mr. Thompson was 55 years old and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was a most competent railroad man and his ability was recognized by his associates as being of a high order. He was well known in Wilmington, having been born and reared here and visiting here at intervals in later life.

PERSONALS.

—Mr. J. P. Cox, after spending the holidays with friends in the city, left yesterday for Richmond, Va., where he holds a position with a wholesale grocery company.

—Mr. Harriss Alderman, a Wilmington boy who has been away for nearly a year, is here on a visit to relatives. Mr. Alderman has been over a great portion of the West since his departure.

—Mr. V. C. Piner has returned to his home in Chattanooga, Tenn., after spending the holidays in the city with relatives. Mr. Piner has charge of the Chattanooga office of the Burrough's Adding Machine Company.

—Mr. Richard Branch, of Richmond, Va., is visiting Mr. Rarold Wolfe, who is a student at the University of North Carolina, now at home for the holidays. Mr. Branch has also visited during the holiday season his parents at Marion, S. C.

—The following North Carolinians were registered yesterday at Hotel Wilmington: F. T. Tucker, Raleigh; R. M. Von Miller, Jacksonville; R. B. Hardison, Wadesboro; Lee Page, Charlotte; P. K. Teachey and Harvey Boney, Rose Hill; L. C. Broome, Peachland; J. C. Henley, Statesville.

—The following North Carolicians were registered yesterday at The Orton: A. D. Ward, Newbern; N. J. Crocker, Andrews; J. M. Rafferty, Rocky Mount; G. T. Morgan, Council; W. L. Ewing, Fayetteville; Thomas Scholar, N. N. Horton and M. D. Winters, Bolton; J. P. Council, Wananish; J. D. Chandler, Charlotte; J. A. Westbrook, Mount Olive; William McBride, Charlotte.

NEW YEAR'S TOURNAMENT.

Cape Fear Country Club Will Have Two Interesting Golf Events Tomorrow.

There will be a golf tournament tomorrow at the Cape Fear Country Club. Beginning with the arrival of the 10 o'clock suburban car tomorrow morning, there will be a bogie match which will be open to all members of the club, having a handicap of 18 or less. This match will be for 18 holes.

In the afternoon upon the arrival of the 2 o'clock car, there will be a 12-hole contest, open to all members of the club.

The club will have an oyster roast and it is hoped that the lady members will come in large numbers, bring lunches and make the day an enjoyable one.

The prizes for both events will consist of copper cups for the winners and balls for the runners up.

CHRISTMAS TREE TONIGHT.

Entertainment to be Given at Sixth Street Christian Advent Church.

The Sunday school and members of the congregation of Sixth street Advent Christian church will have a Christmas tree and entertainment tonight, beginning at 7:45 o'clock. There will be special music by the Sunday school orchestra and choir. In accordance with the custom of this church for many years, the old year will be watched out by the congregation with appropriate devotional services. The public is cordially invited to attend the services.

Ford on His Peace Ship Nearing Europe.

Henry Ford.

In this photograph the camera man caught Henry Ford smiling. It is one of the very few photographs taken on the trip of the Oscar II, in which the peace evangel shows a smile.

Captain Hempel.

BUSINESS CONDITIONS GOOD THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH.

Mr. H. P. Hanson, of Memphis, Tenn., Finds Great Improvement.

Mr. H. P. Hanson, of Memphis, Tenn., representative of the International Typographical Union, who is spending a few days in Wilmington on a visit to the local Typographical Union, stated yesterday that he had found business conditions throughout the South greatly improved within the past few months. His work takes him all over the South and he has good opportunity to observe.

There is no better barometer of business conditions than the newspapers and the publishing enterprises and Mr. Hanson declares that there has been a marked improvement all over the South.

"In my home city, Memphis," he stated, "I find that all the printing and publishing concerns are working at full capacity and some of them have to expand. In Atlanta, there is a general air of prosperity, while Birmingham, which is in the center of the steel district, is on a boom with all plants working day and night. It is the same way in New Orleans. In fact in all the cities I have visited recently I have found but one exception to the rule that prosperity is at hand that being Mobile. Things have not picked up there much for some reason or another."

Mr. Hanson has been much impressed with the cordial hospitality of Wilmington. He believes that it is a good city to live in.

ACCIDENT ON NORTH FOURTH.

Samuel Rubin, Jr., Gets Leg Broken by Automobile.

Samuel Rubin, Jr., the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rubin, No. 825 North Fourth street, was run over by an automobile driven by Mr. N. G. Shaw, while the boy was riding along the street on a bicycle yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock.

The boy was taken in charge by Policeman O. V. Thompson, on duty in that section of the city, and carried to the James Walker Memorial Hospital, where it was found that his leg was broken. The bone was set and the boy left in the hospital last night. It was stated that there were no other serious injuries discovered.

The accident occurred as the boy was riding his bicycle up North Fourth street between Bladen and Brunswick Both he and the driver of the automobile tried to miss each other, and succeeded so far as the front wheels were concerned, but in turning the side of the machine knocked the boy down and a rear wheel rolled over his leg.

To like poetry is not a duty, but it is a misfortune not to do so.

RE-ELECTED TO BOARD

Mr. M. F. H. Gouverneur Continues as Member of Federal Reserve Board.

Announcement was made last night by the Federal Reserve Board from Washington, according to the Associated Press, that Mr M. F. H. Gouverneur, vice president of the Tidewater Power Company and the Carolina Trucking Development Company, had been re-elected for a three-year term as a Class C or government director of Federal Reserve banks for the Richmond district, which includes Wilmington.

Mr. Gouverneur was appointed a member of the board when the Federal Reserve banking system was organized and it will be pleasing news to his numerous friends in this and other states to know that he has been continued in this capacity for another term.

ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY DANCE WAS GIVEN LAST EVENING.

One of the most enjoyable holiday dances of the season was given by Miss Beulah Walker and Mr. Richard Meier at their hall last evening. This event attracted much attention among the young people, the attendance being approximately fifty couples. There were quite a number of out-of-town guests present, including several couples from Bolton and Atkinson.

The costumes were varied, beautiful and appropriate. The judges awarded the prizes for the best costumes to Miss Mary Lorenz, as a Harem girl, and Mr. Oliver Craig, as Oliver Twist. An artistic exhibition dance was given by Miss Walker and Mr. Meier.

A delightful course of refreshments, consisting of sandwitches and fruit salad was served. Music was furnished by the West-Whitlock six-piece orchestra. Dancing from 9 to 1.

DEATH OF MRS. MIXON.

Aged Lady Died Suddenly at the Home of Her Son Last Night.

Many friends will learn with regret of the death of Mrs. Evelyn Mixon, wife of Mr. L. S. Mixon, which occurred at the home of her son, Mr. L. S. Mixon, Jr., No. 42 Manhattan, last night about 10:30 o'clock, probably as a result of heart trouble. Mrs. Mixon was as well as usual last night and retired before her husband, not making any complaint. A little later when he went to her room and tried to arouse her, he found that she had died.

Mrs. Mixon is survived by her husband and several children. She was in her 64th year. Funeral arrangements will be made today.

—Mr. P. F. B. Price has returned from his Christmas vacation which was spent in Cumberland, Md., and Washington, D. C.

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NOTICE

The Citizens' Building and Loan Association will be closed on Saturday, December 25th and Saturday, January 1st, and payments due on said dates will be received on Friday, December 24th and Friday, December 31st, respectively.

The usual semi-annual series of stock will be issued on Friday, December 31st. Reservations for this stock can be made by notifying the undersigned.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON RISES SHARPLY

Foreign Buying and Improved Demand for Spots in South Causes Gain of 13 to 16 Points.

New York, Dec. 30.—Foreign buying and reports of an improved demand for spot cotton from exporters in the South seemed responsible for the firmer ruling of today's cotton market. March contracts sold up to 12.39 or 17 points net higher and closed at 12.38, with the general list closing steady at a net advance of 13 to 16 points.

The opening was somewhat irregular, January being two points lower while other months were 2 to 5 points higher, in response to relatively steady cables. Reports that further January notices were in circulation probably accounted for the opening decline in that month but was soon found that the tenders amounted to only 200 bales and January quickly firmed up with the rest of the list. Houses with Liverpool connections were moderate sellers of July and October but were active buyers of March and May. Covering became a factor as prices worked higher. January contracts sold up to 12.11, May to 12.63 and July to 12.77 in the late trading and prices closed within a point or two of the best. Trading was comparatively quiet during the afternoon but offerings were limited. Advices from Lancashire reported a good trade with prospect for its continuance. English staticians now estimate the world's consumption of American cotton for this season at 14,250,000 bales. An earlier estimate was 15,000,000 bales. This estimate allows Great Britain, 3,650,000; the continent 3,300,000 and Japan 450,000 bales. Exports today 8,832 bales.

Closed steady.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	11.93	12.11	11.93	12.10
March	12.23	12.39	12.23	12.38
May	12.51	12.63	12.51	12.61
July	12.65	12.77	12.64	12.75
October	12.30	12.40	12.28	12.39

Spot cotton steady; middling uplands 12.30. Sales 1,700 bales.

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling, 11.75; receipts, 7,663; exports, 4,950; sales, 1,030; stock, 428,515

Galveston—Middling, 12.25; receipts, 6,472; sales, 150; stock, 386,790.

Mobile—Middling, 11.69; receipts, 1,142; sales, 50; stock, 32,906.

Savannah—Middling, 12.00; receipts, 1,756; sales, 984; stock, 209,285.

Charleston—Middling, 12.00; receipts, 298; stock, 104,770.

Wilmington—Receipts, 304; stock, 41,412.

Norfolk — Middling, 11.75; receipts, 2,792; sales, 731; stock, 132,151.

Baltimore—Stock, 1,870.

Boston — Middling, 12.20; receipts, 935; exports, 482; stock, 10,700.

Philadelphia—Middling, 12.55; stock, 4,434.

New York—Middling, 12.30; receipts, 260; exports, 400; sales, 1,200; stock, 330,531.

Minor ports—Receipts, 3,000; exports, 3,000; stock, 61,832.

Total today — Receipts, 24,622; exports, 8,832; stock, 1,745,146.

Total for week — Receipts, 136,459; exports, 48,929.

Total for season—Receipts, 4,089,189; exports, 2,273,276.

Interior Movement.

Houston — Middling, 12.20; receipts, 4,937; shipments, 8,269; sales, 883; stock, 235,946.

Memphis—Middling, 12.12; receipts, 4,689; shipments, 1,861; sales, 2,300; stock, 356,305.

Augusta — Middling, 11.69; receipts, 596; shipments, 2,061; sales, 1,035; stock, 212,387.

St. Louis — Middling, 12¼; receipts, 2,622; shipments, 2,384; stock, 16,518.

Cincinnati — Receipts, 3,427; shipments, 774; stock, 17,336.

Little Rock — Middling, 12.13; receipts, 544; shipments, 1,344; sales, 1,344; stock, 43,260.

Dallas—Middling, 11.75.

Montgomery—Middling, 11.63; sales, 201.

Total today—Receipts, 16,815; shipments, 16,693; stock, 881,752.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

Better Spot Reports and Mill Takings Boosts the Market.

New Orleans, Dec. 30.—Cotton stood at the advance throughout today's session of the local market and closed at a net gain of 13 to 15 points. At the highest the trading months were 15 to 18 points up. Better reports from the spot department and from mill centres helped the market.

Around the opening, prices rose about 10 points on better cables than due and buying of covers by recent short sellers who wanted to even up over the holidays. Toward the middle of the morning a rumor of an important victory by the Allies stimulated buying still further and by noon the market was 14 to 16 points up. In the early afternoon the market was at its best on reports of a rise of about a quarter of a cent a pound in the basis of f. o. b. cotton in the last few days and on reports of large sales to Japanese buyers out of the local stock and at interior points in this state.

The news of wage advances among mill operatives in this country an estimate of 14,250,000 bales on the consumption of American cotton for this season and Manchester cables reporting a good demand for cloths were features which helped the market.

Closed steady at net advances of 13 to 15 points. Closing bids January 11.91; March 12.23; May 12.51; July 12.68; October 12.28.

Spot cotton steady, unchanged. Sales on the spot 505 bales, to arrive 525. Middling 11.75.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 30. — Cotton: Spot, easier. Good middling, 8.08; low middling, 7.31. Sales, 12,000; 4,000 for speculation and export. Receipts, 30,000. Futures, firm. December, 7.66; December-January, 7.65½; January-February-March, 7.64; March-April, 7.62½; April-May, 7.57; May-gust, 7.45; August-September, 7.29; June, 7.53; June-July, 7.49; July-August-September-October, 7.13; October-November, 7.08; November-December, 7.05; December-January, 7.05.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 30. — Cotton goods markets and yarns were firm today. Many requests were received to hurry January deliveries. Men's wear was firm.

WHEAT PRICES IMPROVED

Rise on Prospects of Suez Canal Becoming Part of War Zone—Corn and Oats Also Are Higher.

Chicago, Dec. 30. — Prospects that the Suez canal would become part of the war zone had much to do today with causing higher prices in the wheat market here. The close was buoyant, at 1⅜ to 2⅜@2½ net advance, with May at 127⅜ and July at 1.18⅝. Other leading staples, too, all showed gains. Corn, ⅞ to 1c; oats, ¾ to ⅞c, and provisions, 22½ to 66.

Grain and provisions closed:

Wheat—May, 1.27⅜; July, 1.18⅝.

Corn—December, 73½; May, 77⅛.

Oats—December, 44; May, 47⅞.

Pork—January, 18.85; May, 19.15.

Lard—January, 9.92; May, 10.22.

Ribs—January, 10.32; May, 10.65.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 1.24@1.25; No. 3, red, 1.22½@1.23¼; No. 2, hard, 1.22½@1.24; No. 3, hard, 1.16@1.19½.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, nominal; No. 4, yellow, 68¾@70½; No. 4, white, 68½@69.

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Str. Bantu, 2,661 tons, Dunfay, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 30.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—53c.

ROSIN—Large, $5.30; small, $5.20

TAR—$2.10-8½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$3.50, $3.50. $2.50.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nominal. Rosin, $3.05. Tar, $2.00-8c. Crude turpentine, nominal.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine .. ..(—

Rosin .. ..(—)

Tar 54

Crude Turpentine .. ..(—)

Receipts — Same day last year: Spirits turpentine. (—) casks; rosin, (—) barrels; tar, 66 barrels; crude turpentine, (—) barrels

COTTON MARKET.

Market—11⅜. Quotations same day last year, 7½c.

Receipts—302 bales; same day last year, 582 bales.

Total receipts since August 1st, to date, 136,776 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 97,435 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Wilmington, Dec. 30.

Atlantic Coast Line — 284 bales cotton; 54 barrels tar.

Seaboard Air Line—18 bales cotton.

Total—302 bales cotton; 54 barrels tar.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 30.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, 40c. to 45c. per bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—80c to 90c.

CORN—$1.75 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7@9c.; good demand.

PORK—Small, 10@11c. per pound.

SHEEP—Gross: Old sheep, 3@4c.; lambs, 3@5c. lb.

WOOL—Burry, 19 to 28c.; black wool, 17 to 26c; first class white wool, 27c.

HIDES—Green salt, 12@13c.; dry flint, 17@20c. per lb.; good demand.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 20c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. per lb. Good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.; good demand.

POULTRY—Chickens, grown, 45c to 50c.; spring, 20c to 35c. head. Geese, 55c. to 60c. per head. Ducks, 35c. to 60c. owing to quality. Turkeys, 15c to 18c. lb., alive; 20c to 22c., dressed.

EGGS—27c to 28c.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 30.—North Carolina Peanuts—New crop, market firm. Fancy hand-picked, 84c.; No. 1, machine picked, 77c. per bushel

Virginia Peanuts—New crop, steady. Jumbos, 66c.; fancy hand-picked, 55c.; No. 1, machine-picked, 50c. per bushel.

Spanish Peanuts—New crop firm; No. 1, small, machine-picked, $1.00; Jumbos, 90c. per bushel.

Receipts—Light.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 30.—Spanish: Farmers' stock: Market, firm. New peanuts, dry and clean, $1.15 per bu.; new, green and dirty, 60c. to 75c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock: New fancy Jumbo, 4c. to 4½c. per lb.; new, extra prime, 3¾c. per lb ; new prime, 3¼c. to 3½c. per lb.; new, shelling stock, 2½c. to 3c. per lb.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 30. — Cotton seed oil was higher on covering of shorts and scattered local buying inspired by the strength in lard and cotton. Final prices were 4 to 9 points net higher. No tenders were put out on January contract. Sales, 7,500 barrels. Close, strong. Spot, 8.50@8.75; January, 8.55@8.63; February, 8.51@8.55; March, 8.54@8.56; April, 8.54@8.58; May, 8.64@8.65; June, 8.65@8.70; July, 8.75@8.76; August, 8.79@8.83. Total sales, 7,500.

STOCKS NOT VERY ACTIVE

Lack of Investment Inquiry Suggests Further Caution—Some Higher Prices for Specialties.

New York, Dec. 30.—Apart from the higher quotations registered by specialties, some of which were subjected to former manipulation, today's market manifested no very decided trend in either direction. Trading became very dull after the first hour, the last half hour of the session being marked by frequent periods of absolute stagnation. Sentiment inclined to hopefulness but the lack of investment inquiry suggested further caution, pending the settlement of international questions. Anglo-French war bonds were only moderately active at or near their recent minimum of 93 7-8. The market's leaders comprised the oil group—Mexican Petroleum making a new record on its rise of 6 3-8 points to 114 1-2.

California Petroleum advanced 13 1-2 to 81. Associated Oil 5to 68 and Texas Company 5 1-2 to 234. Other active and strong issues included some of the war shares, Crucible Steel excepted, Coppers, American Hide and Leather preferred, Corn products preferred, the Tobaccos, Fertilizers and Express Company stocks. United States Steel displayed little of its recent resiliency and closed at a net gain of 3-8. Eries led the railways, the first and second preferred shares adding from 1 to almost two points to recent gains, with a gain of one point for the common.

Sterling rates moved higher, touching 4.74 1-8 before the rate receded but exchange on Vienna and Petrograd fell to low records. The Bank of England reported a gain of about $2,000,000 and but the Bank of France lost slightly over $11,000,000.

Bonds were steady on moderate offerings. Total sales (par value) were $4,570,000. United States bonds unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	31
American Beet Sugar	68½
American Can	60¼
American Car and Foundry	77½
American Cotton Oil	55⅜
American Locomotive	68½
American Smelting	104½
American Sugar	114⅜
American Tel. and Tel	129¼
American Tobacco	206
Anaconda Copper	89⅛
Atchison	108
Atlantic Coast Line	B.113¾
Baldwin Locomotive	116½
Baltimore and Ohio	94½
Bethlehem Steel	B.465
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	88
Canadian Pacific	181¾
Central Leather	53½
Chesapeake and Ohio	63
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	97⅞
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	17¼
Consolidated Gas	143½
Continental Can	84
Crucible Steel	72½
Erie	42⅞
General Electric	173¼
Great Northern, pfd	126
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	50½
Illinois Central	B.106¼
Interborough Consol. Corp	21
Kansas City Southern	31⅞
Lehigh Valley	82
Louisville and Nashville	B.127½
Liggett and Meyers	253
Lorrillard Co.	180
Missouri, Kansas and Texas, pfd.	B. 16¼
Missouri Pacific	4½
Mexican Petroleum	114⅞
National Lead	65
New York Central	109½
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	76
Norfolk and Western	122
Northern Pacific	117
Pennsylvania	59
Reading	82
Rep. Iron and Steel	54
Seaboard Air Line	B. 17¾
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	B. 39½
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	62½
Studebaker Corporation	165¾
Southern Pacific	102½
Southern Railway	23⅜
Southern Railway, pfd.	B. 61
Tennessee Copper	61¼
Texas Co	233¾
Texas and Pacific	10
Union Pacific	138⅝
United States Rubber	55
United States Steel	87½
United States Steel, pfd	116¾
Utah Copper	80¼
Virginia-Caro. Chem	48⅞
Va. Iron, Coal and Coke	B. 62
Wabash, pfd. "B" Ctfs	28¾
Western Union	88
Westinghouse Electric	69¾
United Fruit	147

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, December 30. — Turpentine, firm, 54; sales, 89; receipts, 67; shipments, 5; stock, 22,666.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 901; receipts, 664; shipments, 340; stock, 105,333.

Quote: A, B, C, D, E, F, 5.55; G, 5.60; H, 5.65; I, 5.70; K, 6.00; M, 6.50; N, 6.75; W G, 7.00; W W, 7.25.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 30.—Mercantile paper, 3@3¼. Sterling sixty day bills, 4.70; demand, 4.74; cables, 4.74⅝. Bar silver, 54⅞. Mexican dollars, 42. Government bonds, steady. Railroad bonds, irregular. Time loans, weak; sixty days, 2¼@2½; ninety days, 2½@2¾; six months, 2¾@3. Call money, easier; ruling rate, 2 per cent.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

Chicago, Dec. 30. — Hogs—Strong. Bulk, 6.45@6.80; light, 6.20@6.80; mixed, 6.40@6.90; heavy, 6.35@6.90; rough, 6.35@6.50; pigs, 5.25@6.35.

Cattle—Steady. Native beef steers, 6.10@9.75; cows and heifers, 2.85@8.40; calves, 7.00@10.50.

Sheep—Strong. Wethers, 6.50@7.00; ewes, 6.50@6.40; lambs, 7.25@9.60.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 30. — Raw sugar, steady; centrifugal, 4.45@4.58; molasses, 3.68@3.81; refined, steady.

Coffee—Spot, quiet; Rio, No. 7, 7⅝; Santos, No. 4, 9.

Butter—Quiet.

Cheese—Firm.

Dimples in the cheeks often denote roguery; but in the chin they are a mark of determination and strength of character.

THE WEATHER

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 31, 1915.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 43 degrees; at 8 P. M., 47 degrees; maximum, 56 degrees; minimum, 43 degrees; mean, 50 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.81 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. yesterday, 8.2 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Fair Friday; Saturday overcast.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 31, 1915.

Sun rises .. .. .7:18 A. M.

Sun sets .. .. .5:13 P. M.

Day's length .. .. .9 hrs. 55 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	5:22	5:39	12:00	12:50
Southport	2:52	3:07	9:27	9:38
Masonboro Inl	2:41	2:56	9:07	9:18

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS

December 30, 1915.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 3 p.m.
Abilene	cldy	64	48	.0
Asheville	clear	56	36	.0
Atlanta	clear	58	38	.0
Augusta	clear	62	38	.0
Baltimore	cldy	40	—	.0
Birmingh	clear	54	32	.0
Boston	clear	30	22	.14
Charleston	clear	56	46	.0
Charlotte	clear	58	40	0
Chicago	cldy	34	30	.0
Galveston	cldy	62	58	.0
Jacksonv	clear	68	50	.0
Memphis	clear	50	38	.0
Mobile	cldy	66	42	.0
Montgom'y	clear	62	38	.0
New Orl	rain	56	48	.22
New York	clear	30	24	.0
Oklahoma	clear	38	30	.0
Palestine	cldy	58	46	.04
Pittsburg	cldy	32	24	.0
Raleigh	clear	54	40	.0
Savannah	clear	64	48	.0
Shreveport	cldy	56	40	.0
St. Louis	cldy	40	30	.0
Washing'n	cldy	42	34	.0

NEGRO SHOOTING MATCH IN DUPLIN ENDS IN FATALITY.

Though Accident is Claimed, Negro is in Jail Awaiting Court.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 30.—Octavius Wilson, a young negro man, living several miles from town, was arrested Wednesday afternoon for killing another negro, Celeus Gavin, on Christmas day. The report given out by the negroes present at the shooting match where the accident occurred, is that Gavin accidentally killed himself. Enough evidence for an arrest being secured, a warrant was issued, and the case tried by Magistrate J. H. Fonveille, who bound Wilson over to the next term of Superior court.

Evidence in the case showed that Wilson was practicing fancy shooting, when on throwing his gun up to shoot, the trigger was pulled, and Gavin, who was standing behind Wilson, received the load in his head, causing the entire top of it to be blown off, and scattering the negro's brains.

Miss Freeda Stroud and Mr. Roy Bland, both residing a few miles from Warsaw, were married by Justice of the Peace J. H. Fonveille Wednesday afternoon in this city.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, EASTERN District of North Carolina, ss.:

In the United States District Court in and for said District, Wilmington Division

In the matter of H. H. Ford, of Wilmington, N. C., voluntary bankrupt. No. 231 In Bankruptcy. Petition for Discharge.

To the Honorable H. G. Connor, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina:

H. H. Ford, of Wilmington, in the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, in said District, respectfully represents that on the 10th day of November, 1915, last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the acts of Congress relating to bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said acts and of the orders of the court touching his bankruptcy.

Wherefore he prays that he may be decreed by the court to have a full discharge from all debts payable against his estate under said bankrupt acts, except such debts as are exempted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 30th day of December, A. D. 1915.

H. H. FORD,
Bankrupt

Order of Notice Thereon.

Eastern District of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, ss.:

On this 30th day of December, 1915, on reading the foregoing petition it is Ordered by the Court, That a hearing be had upon the same on the 31st day of January, 1916, before Geo. H. Howell, Esq., Special Master of said court, at Wilmington, N. C., in said district, at 12:00 o'clock, noon; and that notice thereof be published in Wilmington Star, a newspaper printed in said district, and that all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at the said time and place, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.

And it is Further Ordered by the Court, That the Clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residences as stated.

Witness the Honorable H. G. Connor, Judge of the said court, and the seal thereof, at Wilmington, N. C., in said district, on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1915.

(Seal of Court)

Attest:

ALEX. L. BLOW, Clerk.

By S. P. Collier, Deputy Clerk.

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DEPARTURES:	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS:
No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 61. 5:30 A.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia, and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to recieve outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M. and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 58. 11:59 P.M. Daily.
No. 64. 5:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65. 6:15 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.
No. 48. 7:40 A.M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington Parlor car, Wilmington to Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49. 6:05 P.M. Daily.
No. 53. 8:45 A.M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 59. 3:00 P.M. Daily.
No. 62. 3:25 P.M. Daily.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 52. 3:45 P.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. Pullman Cars between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 89. 6:30 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat only.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60. 10:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs., Sat. only.
No. 42. 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. 9:50 A.M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager. T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent. WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect November 15, 1915.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave Front and for Winter Park	Leave Front and for Wrightsville	Leave... Front and for Beach	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Beach for Wilmington
.....	.....	.....	a6:26 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a7:36 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	8:01 A. M.	7:50 A. M.	7:40 A. M.
a8:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
.....	.....	.....	b10:31 A. M.	b10:20 A. M.	.....
10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	10:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b2:06 P. M.	b1:55 P. M.	b1:45 P. M.
a1:10 P. M.	a1:10 P. M.	ae1:10 P. M.	a2:01 P. M.	a1:50 P. M.	af1:46 P. M.
c1:55 P. M.	c1:55 P. M.	.....	a2:36 P. M.	a2:25 P. M.	.....
c d2:35 P.M.	.....	.....	c d3:06 P.M.	.....	.....
3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	c3:50 P. M.	.....	.....
3:30 P. M.	.....	.....	4:06 P. M.	3:56 P. M.	3:46 P. M.
c4:10 P. M.	.....	.....	c4:30 P. M.	.....	.....
4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....	6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
6:10 P. M.	6:10 P. M.	.....	6:51 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	.....
6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	e6:40 P. M.	7:31 P. M.	7:20 P. M.	7:15 P. M.
7:15 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....	8:06 P. M.	7:55 P. M.	.....
8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....	8:56 P. M.	8:45 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	10:21 P. M.	10:10 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....	10:56 P. M.	10:45 P. M.	.....
1:15 P. M.	11:15 P. M.	.....	11:56 P.M.	11:45 P. M.	.....

SPECIAL FOR SUNDAYS.

Leave Front and Princess Streets every half hour from 2:00 to 5:00 P. M.
Leave Beach every half hour from 2:45 to 5:45 P. M.

a—Daily except Sundays.
b—Sundays only.
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d—Goes through to Seagate; returning, leaves Seagate at 3:00 P. M.
e—Does not go beyond Station No. 3.
f—Leaves from Station No. 3.

FREIGHT SCHEDULE.

(Daily Except Sunday)

Leave Ninth and Orange streets, 3:30 P. M.
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Ar. New York .. ..1:40 P. M.

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No. 19—5:00 A. M.—THROUGH SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND CHARLOTTE—Open at 10:00 P. M. for Passengers. Train for Charlotte and intermediate points, connecting at Hamlet for all points North and West.

For detailed information and reservations, call on City Ticket Agent, Orton Bldg, Wilmington; 'Phone 178.

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STATE SELLS INTEREST IN 30,000 ACRES LAND

Great Drainage Project to be Launched in Carteret?

Indigo Growing Claims Attention of Agricultural Department—Good Increase in Value of Cotton Mill Products.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 30.—The State Board of Education, in the office of Governor Craig today, accepted a proposition for the sale of the State's interest in 30,000 acres of swamp land constituting a large part of the eastern half of Carteret county, the State education fund to be benefitted about $13,000 by this transaction.

The State's interest is one-fourth, the State's ownership being joint with the Allison heirs. For the purposes of the sale and division of the proceeds the firm of Roberts & Brown, Newbern, is named as trustee.

It is understood that the purchasers of these lands have already arranged for a gigantic drainage system that will convert the swamp into agricultural lands that will be immensely productive, and that the contract for this drainage work is already in the hands of a Savannah drainage contract company.

A charter was issued today for the Twin-City Monument Co., of Winston-Salem, capital $15,000 authorized and $2,500 subscribed for general granite and monument work. The incorporators are B. T. Underwood, Watt Hutcherson, W. P. Sharp, Cleve Hicks, J. H. Watson, D. C. Martin, T. E. Burgess, of Winston-Salem, and A. E. and Chas. Helsebeck, of Rural Hall.

Bulletin on Indigo Growing.

Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham is having prepared a special bulletin on the cultivation of the indigo plant, which he says was extensively cultivated in the gardens of North Carolina planters in ante-bellum days, particularly up to about 1850. Major Graham's plan is to have the Department of Agriculture undertake to procure seed of the indigo plant and provide special instructions as to culture for any North Carolinians who care to undertake the growing of indigo plants, which is especially valuable as a dye. The leaves are gathered for this purpose and it is believed that with the present scarcity of dying materials and the high prices the indigo plant would prove very profitable.

Commissioner of Insurance James R. Young will deliver a special address for the Alamance county Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co., on Saturday, January 8, at Graham. The annual meeting of this organization for the entire State will be held in Raleigh about the middle of January. There are 24 branch organizations, most of them consisting of two counties each.

318 Cotton Mills in State.

The summary of the cotton mill industry in North Carolina for 1915 is just completed by Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman and shows 318 mills with $57,761,232 capital. The mills are equipped with 3,880,217 spindles; 67,218 looms, and 9,423 cards. The mills use 187,012 horse power. The raw material used per annum is 351,050,270 pounds of cotton and the estimated value of the output for the year is $304,349,678. There are approximately 51,494 persons employed, 31,841 males and 19,653 females. Of the employes, about 7,292 are under 16 years of age. The work is on a 10-hour a day basis. The commissioner finds that there are about 836 fewer children employed in the mills this year than during the year previous. The motive power is divided with about 80 mills using steam: 73 electricity and the others combining water, steam and electricity.

This report by Commissioner Shipman has been worked out in collaboration with the United States Census Bureau and is very much the most complete report the State department has ever issued. The commissioner finds that while the value of the mill products has considerably increased the amount of raw material has decreased, this indicating an advance in the grades of goods manufactured. The Commissioner finds that there is a decided trend towards the use of electricity as the motive power. He finds considerable improvement in the condition of employes.

J. H. Burnett, Esq., and bride were in Raleigh today going to their home in Burgaw after a wedding trip. Mr. Burnett was reading clerk in the last State Senate. His bride is being assured that, if he proves anything like as good a husband as a reading clerk, she has chosen well.

Wake County Corn Show.

A corn show for Wake county opens here Friday. And an especially fine display of corn is being arranged in the court house. W. H. Chamblee, Jr., county demonstration agent, is in charge. The opening ceremonies will include addresses by President D. H. Hill, of A. & M. College; Z. V. Judd, now of Alabama; E. B. Crow, D. F. Giles, county superintendent of schools, and others.

Joseph H. Young, president of Norfolk Southern Railroad, here today, says North Carolina is surely entering upon a period of greater prosperity than the State has ever before experienced. He says the merchants on the Norfolk Southern system are handling more goods than ever before and that traveling salesmen are receiving orders that demonstrate the confidence the merchants have that the business outlook is propitious. He says freight business is steadily increasing.

PLAN SHIPMENT OF MILLION BALES OF COTTON TO EUROPE.

Name of Country for Which It is Proposed is Withheld.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 30.—H. N. Pope, president of the Texas Farmers' Union, will leave tonight for Washington to confer with Secretary of State Lansing regarding the shipment of 1,000,000 bales of cotton to Europe, according to announcement made here today. The name of the country to which the shipment is to be made is withheld.

Farmers' union officials stated early in December they had an offer to handle a million bales of cotton to a belligerent country, supposed to be one of the Teutonic Allies.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 30.—The Republican State committee this afternoon called a state convention for May 3 to be held at Nashville at which delegates at large to the National convention will be named and candidates for United States senator, governor and railroad commissioner will be nominated.

NEW RAILROAD FROM HENDERSON TO WILSON

Construction Work to Begin Early in 1916, It is Said

Charter and Rights of Way Secured by Capt. Turner Before His Death. Backed by S. A. L.—Shook Plant's Failure.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., 30.—If current rumors are to be believed, work will begin the coming spring on the construction of the Virginia & Eastern Carolina railroad, to be built from Henderson to Wilson. This project first came into being two years ago when Captain J. M. Turner with associates secured the right of way between Henderson and this city and in addition persuaded the townships to vote bonds which were to be exchanged for second mortgage bonds of the company.

Then Captain Turner died and the proposition lay dormant for months and Wilson began to think that the road would never be built. Recently the other members of the company sought out Mrs. Turner, now residing in Tennessee, and secured from her the rights held by the late Captain Turner and began to get busy. One of the leading men of Spring Hope was in Wilson Wednesday and he told of some of the plans of the comapny.

It is their purpose now to begin the work of construction soon after New Year's and to push it to completion. It is understood that the Seaboard Air Line is behind the proposition and will aid in financing the road. The new line will bring the Seaboard here and with a juncture with the Norfolk Southern can reach the coast. It is also stated on the same authority that the Seaboard will likely build southeasterly from Wilson, heading for Wilmington.

Short Line to Goldsboro.

Engineers have been, for some time, working on lines for a new short route connecting the Norfolk Southern with Goldsboro. This line will likely leave th main line near Stantonsburg and cut across to Goldsboro. The Norfolk Southern needs this short line in order to cut down the cost of the transportation of the rock from the Neverson quarries to Beaufort.

This same Spring Hope gentleman said that there is considerable talk in his section of the proposed Atlantic Coast Line extension from Spring Hope to Raleigh and that it was expected that the road would be built the coming year.

Big Financial Disaster.

The failure of the Russell Shock & Lumber Company is the biggest financial disaster in this city in a score of years and two hundred men are thrown out of employment. The concern has been in financial trouble for several months and when the plant closed down for the holidays, the creditors were asked to confer.

The result of this conference was the institution of bankruptcy proceedings before Judge H. G. Connor of the United States court and V. W. Stewart was appointed receiver and given authority of sale. At the same time Judge George W. Connor of the Superior court was asked to appoint a receiver and Mr. Stewart was named. There will be no conflict of courts in the settlement.

The liabilities of the company will approximate $90,000 and the principal creditors are Camp Manufacturing Company, National Bank of Petersburg, Va.; H. Garrett Smith, Norfolk; Vinson, Jones & Finch, Montgomery Lumber Company, and the Garysburg Lumber Company. The concern suffered a serious fire last fall and in rebuilding the plant too much of the capital was invested in machinery and too little reserved for working purposes. This plant is considered the best equipped plant for the manufacture of box shooks in this section. The pay roll amounted to $1,200 a week and the institution was an important feature in the community.

The president of the company, Mr. W. L. Russell, lives in Pittsburg, Pa., and gave little personal attention to the plant. The other stockholders were: W. Wallace Collier, of Petersburg, Va., and P. F. Quinn, of Pittsburg, Pa. Messrs. Collier and Quinn have given the plant their attention for some time.

It is stated that the receiver will immediately offer the plant for sale, the Manufacturers' Appraisal Company having valued the machinery at $72,000. Last spring the company issued bonds to secure about half on the indebtedness and these bonds will be paid out of the result of the sale of the plant. There are no other appreciable assets.

It is furth.r stated that it is expected that the purchasers of the plant will immediately begin operations and reemploy the men now idle.

PRESIDENT AND MRS. WILSON CLIMB TO TOP OF MOUNTAIN.

Receive Callers for First Time Since Honeymoon Began.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 30.—A short climb over a rough and precipitous mountain trail today put President and Mrs. Wilson on top of Flag Rock, a lofty Appalachian peak, from which they saw the Blue Ridge in the hazy distance and counted 47 mountain tops within a range of 60 miles. The President and his wife, accompanied by secret service men, motored to a point five miles from here and within half a mile of the peak, favorite spot with tourists.

The President worked for several hours today and read another long letter from Secretary Lansing reviewing the international situation. During the afternoon he and Mrs. Wilson received visitors for the first time since they came here to spend their honeymoon. The callers were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCullough, of New York, and Mrs. Herbert S. Stone and her three children, of Baltimore.

"POP" BLANKEN DEAD.

His Place in California a Training Camp for Many Prize Fighters.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Henry "Pop" Blanken, whose six-mile house at San Bruno, Cal., was a training camp for many fighting champions and who laid claim to the discovery of Jack Johnson, died today after an illness of several months of peritonitis. He was 71 years old. Blanken's place was training quarters at various times for Peter Jackson, John L. Sullivan, James J. Corbett, Joe Choynski, Joe Gans, Jack Johnson, Gus Ruhlin and scores of less prominent fighters. Blanken was born in Germany and came to California in 1857.

DISCUSS PLANS TO EXTEND PROHIBITION TERRITORY.

Several Names Are Mentioned as Possible Presidential Nominees.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Plans for extending prohibition territory were discussed today at a conference of Prohibition party leaders summoned here by the executive committee of the national committee of the party. The date of the national convention was tentatively set by the National committee for July 19 and 20 at Minneapolis.

Informal discussions of presidential nominee possibilities were held. The names mentioned included J. Frank Honly, former governor of Indiana, William Sulzer, former governor of New York; Richmond P. Hobson, former congressman from Alabama, and Eugene Foss, former governor of Massachusetts. At a preliminary meeting Frank G. Curtis, of Jamestown, N. Y., said he hoped Colonel Roosevelt would be the candidate of the Republican party on a prohibition platform.

Virgil G. Hinshaw, chairman of the National committee, who presided, said he believed the Prohibition party to be stronger now than the Progressive party.

"Efforts are to be made," said Mr. Hinshaw, "to have a prohibition plank incorporated in both the Democratic and Republican party platforms. If these efforts fail, and neither of the platforms has such a plank there will be many defections from the old parties to the prohibition banner."

Among the party leaders were Finley C. Henderson, Cumberland Md.; Daniel Poling, Ohio; Robert H. Patten, Springfield, Ill., and W. G. Calderwood, Minnesota.

HOPEWELL NOT SO BAD.

Kinston Man Says "Mushroom" Features Are Fast Disappearing.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 30.—Hopewell, Va., is not half as bad a place as it's painted, according to E. J. Becton, business man of this city who has been spending some time in the vicinity of the boom town. He states that the "mushroom" conditions are fast disappearing. The men are bringing in their families and the riffraff are being driven out. Mr. Becton thinks the recent conflagration there will result in much benefit to Hopewell ultimately. More substantial buildings will follow the destruction of the temporary construction, he says. He estimates the population now at nearly 40,000.

"The common impression held about the wild and immoral conditions existing in Hopewell do the place an injustice. There was a time when there were a large number of women of questionable character and the majority of workmen, perhaps, of a low order of foreigners. Labor is getting to be of a better grade of efficiency, and the immoral element is disappearing."

RECOMMEND ABANDONMENT OF EXPERIMENTS WITH SHELL FUSE

New High Explosive Fuse for Navy Use Proves Unsatisfactory.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Abandonment of experiments with the high explosive shell fuse for navy use invented by Willard S. Isham, of New York, is unanimously recommended by the special board of navy officers, headed by Rear Admiral Fiske which has been investigating the subject for the last 15 months. The board finds that the fuse fails to accomplish its object which is to make possible shell fire against the unprotected hulls of warships below the water line. The final report of the board upon which Captains J. A. Hoogerwerff and Roy C. Smith and Lieut. Com. H. G. Sparrow served and to which Professor Dodge also was attached for a time, was given out today by Secretary Daniels. The last Congress made special applications to carry out the experiments, but the board now recommends that the inventor pay for any future tests himself.

CANNOT REASSUME OFFICE.

Order Issued Against Memphis Officials Pending Case in Court.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 30.—E. H. Crump, former mayor of Memphis, and two other former city officials, suspended from office November 3rd on their legal admission of charges made in ouster proceedings, were today ordered by the state supreme court not to attempt to resume office pending final determination of their appeal to the supreme court.

The order issued at Nashville was intended to forestall any attempt on the part of Mr. Crump or the other former officials, R. A. Utley, vice mayor, and W. M. Stanton, city judge, to enter upon second terms next Saturday. All were re-elected some months ago for terms of four years to begin January 1. The ouster suit instituted by Frank M. Thompson, state attorney general charged failure to enforce prohibition and other state laws.

WEDDING NEAR HOPE MILLS

Miss Flora Kate Johnson Bride of Mr. Leon Johnson.

Hope Mills, N. C., Dec. 30.—Mr. Leon Johnson and Miss Flora Kate Johnson were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, James H. Johnson, Esq., and Mrs. Johnson, near here, Sunday morning, Rev. N. C. Duncan, of Duke, N. C., officiating, the Episcopal ring service being used, in the presence of members of the family and a few close friends. Both the bride and groom are very popular and highly esteemed by their many friends.

They lef tmid showers of rice and god wishes, on a midnight train for Richmond and other points of interest. They will be at home after January 1 at City Point, Va., where Mr. Johnson holds a responsible position with the DuPont company.

ROANOKE IS SELECTED

Virginia Republicans Will Hold State Convention There in March.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 30.—At a meeting of the Republican state committee here today, presided over by Representative C. B. Slemp, state chairman, Roanoke, was selected over Richmond, Lynchburg and other cities of the state for the state Republican convention which he held March 29 to select delegates to the Republican National convention at Chicago in June. Alvah H. Martin, Republican National committeeman from Virginia was among those present.

WILL SUCCEED OSBORN

Dr. George W. Kirchwey Appointed Warden of Sing Sing.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Dr. George W. Kirchwey, formerly dean of Columbia Law School, notified Governor Whitman tonight that he would accept the wardenship of Sing Sing prison which had been offered to him in succession to Thomas Mott Osborne, who is under indictment.

In the event that Osborne refuses to resign it was understood the Governor would have him removed by the superintendent of prisons.

LESS RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION LAST YEAR THAN SINCE 1864

While More Miles of Road Were in Receivers' Hands During Year.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Fewer miles of railroad were built in the United States during 1915 than in any other year since 1864 and more miles of railroad were in receivers' hands during the year than ever before, according to railway statistics compiled from official sources by the Railway Age Gazette and made public tonight. There hav ebeen only three other years since 1848 in which the increase in railway mileage was less than 1,000 and those were the Civil war years of 1861, 1862 and 1864. The total new mileage last year was 933 compared with 1,532 miles in 1914 and 3,071 in 1913. Pennsylvania constructed 98 miles, Oregon was second with 83 and Washington third with 71 miles. Eleven states built no new road at all.

According to th estatistics receivers now hold and operate 38,661 miles of railroad or nearly a sixth of the total mileage and capitalization of the railroads of the United States. On October 1 there were 41,000 miles of railroads in tht hands of receivers, the greatest ever recorded.

PROBATIONARY DISCIPLINE SYSTEM IN NAVY A SUCCESS

Both From Humanitarian and Disciplinary Viewpoint, Report Says.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The probationary syste mof discipline adopted in the Navy during the past year is described in the annual report of Advocate General McLean, made public tonight, as having proved "a distinct success, both from a humanitarian and from a disciplinary viewpoint."

Under the system many men sentenced to imprisonment have been extended clemency and continued in the service at rduced pay, while serious offenders have been summarily discharged from the service instead of being imprisoned as under the old regulations. As a result, the report says, infractions have greatly decreased and about half a million dollars saved during the year in prison maintenance. Offenders under detention have been reduced from 1,835 to 740 while the Navy has ridded itself of 1,278 more chronic offenders during operation of the system than in any of the three preceding years.

New York, Dec. 30.—James Weber and R. C. Rand, representing Andover and Harvard, won the doubles championship title today in the National Indoor Tennis Tournament here. They defeated Elliott Binzen and Harold Taylor, of Fordham Preparatory School, and the Westside Tennis Club, in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The University of Chicago baseball team returned to Chicago today fater a trip through the Orient of more than 10,000 miles. The athletes reported that baseball is growing more popular than ever in Japan.

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OUR STORE WILL BE CLOSED FRI- day afternoon, December 31st, for the purpose of taking stock. Thomas Grocery Co., 525 North 4th. de30-2t

PAPER SHELL ALMONDS, WALNUTS, pecans, Brazil nuts, 20 cents lb; dates, 10 cents package, popping corn, 15 cents package, fruit cake 20 cents lb.; honey, 15 cents block, at C. H. Bornemann's; 'Phone 853. de31-1t*

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WOOD FOR SALE — DRY PINE SAW- ed and split stove sizes, $1.00; mixed with oak, $1.25; all oak, $1.35. Big load delivered in city. 'Phone 1914. de31-1t*

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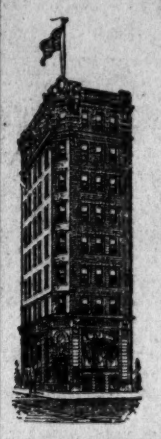
CORNED PORK HAMS, 18 CENTS LB.; sweet potatoes, 20 cents peck, eggs 30 cents dozen, grape fruit 6 for 25 cents, oranges 20 cents dozen, black eye peas, 15 cents quart, at C. H. Bornemann's. 'Phone 853. de31-1t*

The Christmas Savings Club for 1916



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